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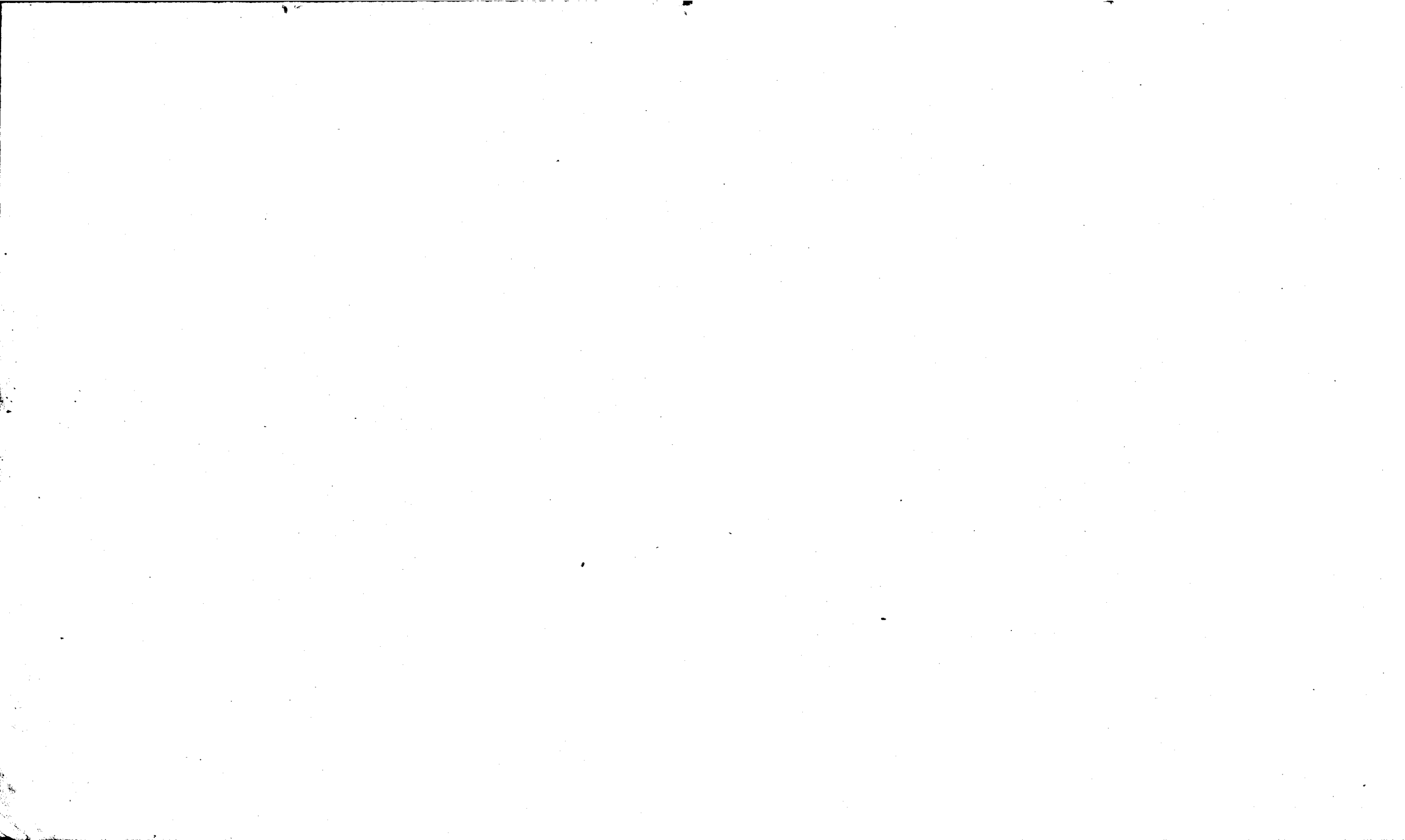
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SESSION XXXIII., 1874.

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Bastings, Horace	Tuapeka
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Browne, George Francis Collins	Waitahuna
Clark, Henry	Matau
Clarke, Robert	The Lakes
Cumming, John	...	...	...	...	...	Aparima
Daniel, Theophilus	...	...	...	...	...	Riverton.
Davie, John ...	...	...	...	...	...	Dunedin
De Lautour, Cecil Albert ...	...	...	...	...	...	Mount Ida
Driver Henry	...	...	...	...	...	Wakari
Fish, Henry Smith (Junnr.)	...	...	...	...	...	Dunedin
Gillies, John Lillie (<i>Speaker</i>)	...	...	...	...	...	Milton
Green, James ...	...	...	...	...	...	Blueskin
Haggitt, Bryan Cecil	...	...	...	...	...	Dunedin
Hallenstein, Bendix	...	...	...	...	...	The Lakes
Hazlett, James	...	...	...	...	...	Dunstan
Henderson, Donald	...	...	...	...	...	Clutha
Ireland, George	...	...	...	...	...	Mount Benger
Kinross, Andrew	...	...	...	...	...	Oteramika
Lumsden, George	...	...	...	...	...	Invercargill
Menzies, James Alexander Robertson	...	...	...	...	...	Mataura
Mills, James ...	...	...	...	...	...	Waikouaiti
Mollison, Alexander	...	...	...	...	...	Waiholā
McDermid, Hugh	...	...	...	...	...	Port Chalmers
McGlashan, Edward (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	...	...	...	...	...	North Harbor
McKellar, Duncan	...	...	...	...	...	Kawarau
McKenzie, John	...	...	...	...	...	Waihemō
McLean, John ...	...	...	...	...	...	Oamaru Town
McNeil, John ...	...	...	...	...	...	Clutha
Oliver, Richard	Mount Ida
Reeves, Charles Stephen	Dunedin
Reid, Donald	Taieri
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Shand, James	Taieri
Stout, Robert	Caversham
Sumpter, George	Waitaki
Teschemaker, Charles de Vere	Moeraki
Tolmie, William Alexander	...	...	...	...	...	Peninsula
Turnbull, George	...	...	...	...	...	Dunedin
Turton, Gibson Kirke	...	...	...	...	...	Dunedin
Webster, George Murray	Oamaru Country
Wilson, James	Makarewa
Wood, William	Waihopai

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HIS HONOR JAMES MACANDREW.

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(To May 6, 1874.)

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[BRYAN CECIL HAGGITT, ACTING PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR.]

(From May 6, 1874.)

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ROBERT STOUT	PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR.
GEORGE MURRAY WEBSTER	}	...	NON-OFFICIAL.
GEORGE LUMSDEN			

Subsequently, on the 12th June, DUNCAN MCKELLAR was appointed SECRETARY FOR THE GOLD FIELDS.

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1	Proclamation of Bluff and Invercargill and Oreti Railways under section 9 of the "Immigration and Public Works Act, 1873"	April 29	6	May 8	18	
2	Enclosing despatch from the Colonial Secretary, relative to Gold Fields Bill	May 4	10	...	...	Reported on by Gold Fields Committee, June 9. For Report, see <i>Appendix</i> , page 229.
3	Intimating the appointment of a new Executive ...	May 6	12	...	...
4	Signifying approval of Standing Orders adopted on the fifth May	May 6	12	...	...
5	Transmitting Imprest Supply Bill, for advancing £30,000 towards service for twelve months ending 31st March, 1875	May 11	20	May 12	26	Bill assented to by Superintendent, May 14.
6	Submitting proposals in reference to the Lunatic Asylum ...	May 13	28	May 15	34	Necessary steps to be taken to give effect to recommendations.
7	Recommending the proclamation of Tuapeka, Lees Stream, Dunback, and Caddon Hundreds, as set forth in enclosed descriptions of boundaries	May 18	36	May 20	48	Caddon Hundred excepted by resolution, June 11. See page 124.
8	Recommending the proclamation of Kaiwera, Herriot, Otaria, Waipahi, and Kuriwao Hundreds, as set forth in enclosed descriptions of boundaries	May 18	37	May 20	48	
9	Recommending certain specified blocks of land to be set apart under the system of deferred payments	May 18	38	May 26	54	
10	Recommending the construction of certain branch lines of Railway	May 18	38	June 10	117	Resolutions considered, pages 69, 78, 86, 114, and 117

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11	Transmitting correspondence relative to the Oamaru Harbour Works	May 19	42	Provincial Secretary's motion, recommending that Harbour Board be empowered to raise loan of £50,000, affirmed May 19. See page 45.
12	Transmitting list of Volunteers claiming remission certificates under the Volunteers Land Act	May 26	53	June 10	119	Considered in connection with No. 17. See also motion by Mr. Sumpter, page 128.
13	Recommending the setting apart of certain specified blocks of land in Southland District, under the system of deferred payments	May 26	53	May 27	61	
14	Recommending the proclamation of additional Hundreds, to be named respectively Pukerau, Waikaka, Waikoikoi, Waikaia, Spottis, and Dart, as set forth in enclosed descriptions of boundaries	May 27	57	May 28	67	
15	Transmitting Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for twelve months ending 31st March, 1875	June 1	76	...	...	Estimates considered in Committee of Supply, pages 84, 91, 99, 100, and 131.
16	Confirming the election of J. L. Gillies, Esq., as Speaker	June 4	88	...	...
17	Recommending a money grant to Volunteers in lieu of land certificates	June 4	89	June 10	119	Considered in connection with No. 12. See also Mr. Sumpter's motion, page 128.
18	Transmitting further list of Volunteers	June 5	99	...	...	See Nos. 12 and 17.
19	Returning the Roads Diversion Bill, with an amendment to the Schedule	June 9	109	June 10	119	Amendment agreed to.
20	Submitting proposals in regard to the Endowment Reserves, for which Crown Grants have been withheld	June 10	116	June 12	133	Amendment by Mr. M'Lean, on Provincial Secretary's motion, affirmed.
21	Transmitting Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1875	June 12	129	Estimates considered in Committee of Supply, page 132.

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1	Riverton Government Reserve	Provincial Secretary, Apl. 30	May 6	May 6	...	May 6	Reserved, June 15.
2	Naseby Water Works Empowering	" " " 30	" 6	" 6	...	" 6	Assented to, June 15.
3	Papakaio Railway Reserve	" " " 30	" 11	" 11	...	" 12	Reserved, June 15.
4	Portobello Cemetery Reserve Sale	" " " 30	" 6	" 6	...	" 6	" " 15.
5	Lower Kaikorai District Road Lands Exchange	" " " 30	" 6	" 6	...	" 6	" " 15.
6	Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land Taking	" " " 30	" 29	" 29	...	" 29	Reported on by Committee of Reference, May 27. Reserved, June 15.
7	Roads Diversion	" " May 7	" 11	" 11	...	" 15	Schedule amended by Message, June 9. Amendment agreed to, June 10.
8	Imprest Supply	Message No. 5, " 11	" 12	" 12	...	" 12	Reserved, June 15.
9	Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873, Introduction	Provincial Solicitor, " 11	" 12	" 12	...	" 15	Assented to, June 15.
10	New River Harbour Board	" " " 12	" 19	" 19	...	" 20	Reserved, June 15.
11	Dunedin School Site	" " " 13	" 15	" 15	...	" 15	" " 15.
12	Castle-street Diversion	" " " 15	" 20	" 20	...	" 26	" " 15.
13	Dunedin City Council Borrowing Powers Extension	" " " 18	" 20	" 20	...	" 20	Assented to, June 15.
14	Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinances Amendment	" " " 19	" 21	" 21	...	" 21	" " 15.
15	Otago Dock Trust Ordinance, 1865, Repeal	" " " 19	" 20	" 20	...	" 20	" " 15.
16	Education Reserves Management and Leasing	" " " 19	" 21	" 21	...	" 26	Reserved, June 15.
17	Clyde Corporation Borrowing Powers Extension	" " " 20	" 27	" 27	...	" 28	Assented to, June 15.
18	Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871, Amendment	" " " 20	" 26	" 27	...	" 28	" " 15.
19	Oamaru Rifle Range Reserve Management	" " " 21	" 26	" 27	...	" 27	Assent withheld, June 15.
20	New River and Jacob's River Ferries Reserves	" " " 21	" 26	" 27	...	" 27	Reserved, June 15.
21	Sawyer's Bay Lands Leasing	" " " 26	" 27	" 27	...	" 27	Assented to, June 15.
22	Roslyn Institute	" " " 26	" 28	" 28	...	" 28	" " 15.

No. III.—SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS—(Continued).

Order	SHORT TITLE.	Introduced and Read First Time.	Read Second Time.	Committed.	Re-Committed.	Read Third Time and Passed.	Remarks.—How Disposed of by Superintendent, &c.
23	Riverton Drill Shed Reserve Management ...	Provincial Solicitor, May 29	June 1	June 1	...	June 1	Reserved, June 15.
24	Lawrence Reserve Sale	" " " 29	" 1	" 1	...	" 1	" " 15.
25	Otago Harbour Board	" " June 1	" 11	" 11	...	" 12	" " 15.
26	Riverton Harbour Board	" " " 1	" 11	" 11	...	" 11	" " 15.
27	Licensing Ordinance, 1865, Amendment ...	Mr. Davie " 1	" 2	" 2	...	" 10	Assented to, June 15.
28	Caledonian Society of Otago Incorporation ...	Provincial Solicitor " 2	" 10	" 11	...	" 11	" " 15.
29	Dunedin Presbyterian Church Lands Ordinance Amendment	" " " 3	" 11	" 11	...	" 12	Reserved, June 15.
30	Roads Diversion (No. 2)	" " " 3	" 11	" 11	...	" 11	" " 15.
31	Palmerston School Glebe Exchange	" " " 3	" 11	" 11	...	" 11	" " 15.
32	Hospitals	" " " 4	" 11	" 11	...	" 12	Assented to, June 15.
33	Port Chalmers School Reserve Sale	" " " 4	" 11	" 11	...	" 11	Reserved, June 15.
34	Oamaru Harbour Board	" " " 8	" 11	" 11	...	" 11	Assented to, June 15.
35	Lawrence Reserves Sale (No. 2)	" " " 9	" 12	" 12	...	" 12	Reserved, June 15.
36	Otago Gold Duty Repayment	" " " 9	" 12	" 12	...	" 12	Assented to, June 15.
37	Naseby Recreation Reserve Management ...	" " " 10	" 12	" 12	...	" 12	Reserved, June 15.
38	Invercargill Reserves Management Ordinance Amendment	" " " 10	" 12	" 12	...	" 12	" " 15.
39	Appropriation, 1874-5	" " " 11	" 12	" 12	...	" 12	Assented to, June 15.

No. IV.—SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION.

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Order.	Subject.	Members.	MOVER.	Appointed.	Reported.	REMARKS.
1	House	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hazlett, Mr. M'Neil, Mr. Teschemaker, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Turnbull	April 29	June 10	For Report, see <i>Appendix</i> , page 226. £400 voted on Supplementary Estimates for Council Hall alterations.
2	Committee of Reference.	Mr. Lumsden, Hon. Dr. Menzies, Mr. Stout, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Wilson, Mr. M'Glashan, and Provincial Secretary (Mr. Turnbull)	Mr. Turnbull	April 30	May 27	For Report, see <i>Appendix</i> , page 210. The Bill reported on, read second and third time, May 29.
3	Gold Fields	Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. M'Kellar, Mr. Hazlett, Mr. Sumpter, Mr. Oliver, and Secretary for Gold Fields (Mr. Bastings)	Mr. Bastings	April 30	(Finally) June 10	Interim Reports brought up as follows:— <i>May 11.</i> —No. 1, Residents of Blacks, Tinkers, and Drybread; No. 2, Householders and others of Naseby. <i>May 15.</i> —No. 3, Residents of Mount Ida. <i>May 21.</i> —No. 4, Wm. Williamson, Kakanui Water Race Coy.; No. 5, Miners at Clark's Diggings. <i>May 29.</i> —No. 6, Kirkton and Party; No. 7, John Aldred. <i>June 8.</i> —No. 8, Miners and others interested in the Gold Fields (Water case.) <i>June 9.</i> —No. 9, Residents of Cardrona and Wanaka; No. 10, Stephen Read; No. 11, Gold Fields Bill; No. 12, Water Rights. <i>June 10.</i> —No. 13, Reports of Mining Conferences; and Final Report. Reports Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 considered, see pages 27, 43 and 67. (For Reports, see <i>Appendix</i> , pages 196, 197, 229 and 230.)
4	Private Petitions	Mr. H. Clark, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Green, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Fish, Mr. Reid, Dr. Webster, (Mr. Speaker and Hon. Dr. Menzies added 6th May)	Dr. Webster	April 30	(Finally) June 12	Interim Reports brought up as follows:— <i>May 18.</i> —No. 1, John and Norman Campbell. <i>May 19.</i> —No. 2, H. M'Fadyen; No. 3, J. Sandison. <i>May 20.</i> —No. 4, J. Mitchell; No. 5, T. Grundy. <i>May 21.</i> —No. 6, W. Latham; No. 7, T. Brown; No. 8, G. Smith. <i>May 27.</i> —No. 9, Geo. Daniels. <i>May 28.</i> —No. 10, Residents of Wakari. <i>May 29.</i> —No. 11, Petitions of Volunteers; No. 12, J. Gantley; No. 13, J. Cooper. <i>June 1.</i> —No. 14, Gunn, Beer, & Co. <i>June 3.</i> —No. 15, Gottlieb Beissel.

No. IV.—SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION—(Continued).

Order.	Subject.	MEMBER.	MOVER.	Appointed.	Reported.	REMARKS.
4	Private Petitions (Continued).					<p>June 5.—No. 16, J. Walker; No. 17, J. C. Esther; No. 18, H. K. Taiaroa.</p> <p>June 10.—No. 19, G. Bailey; No. 20, C. Rea; No. 21, Mary Rutherford; No. 22, Chairman Half-way Bush District Road Board.</p> <p>June 11.—No. 23, Half-way Bush District Road Board.</p> <p>June 12.—No. 24, H. Howorth; No. 25, J. C. Macgregor; and Final Report.</p> <p>(For Reports, see <i>Appendix</i>, pages 135 to 140, and 223 to 226.)</p>
5	Printing	Mr. Speaker, Mr. de Lautour, Mr. Stout, Mr. Reeves, Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. Daniel, and Mr. Shand	Mr. Shand	April 30	.....	Decisions of Committee recorded in Printing Committee Book.
6	Port Chalmers Railway	Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Fish, Mr. H. Clark, Mr. Oliver, Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. M'Kenzie, and Mr. M'Dermid.	Mr. M'Dermid	May 6	May 19	For Report and Evidence, see <i>Appendix</i> , page 116.
7	Cattle Ordinances	Mr. Speaker, Hon. Dr. Menzies, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Stout, Mr. Sumpter, and Mr. Green	Mr. Green	May 8	May 26	Report referred to Government, May 28. For Report, see <i>Appendix</i> , page 198.
8	Waste Lands and Immigration	Mr. Speaker, Mr. de Lautour, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Reeves, Mr. M'Kenzie, Dr. Webster, and J. C. Brown.	Mr. J. C. Brown	May 12	(Finally) June 15	<p>Members elected by ballot. Interim Reports brought up as follows:—</p> <p>May 21.—No. 1, Settlers of Shag Valley.</p> <p>May 26.—No. 2, Owners of land and others of Crookston and Tuapeka; No. 3, Residents of Hyde.</p> <p>May 28.—No. 4, Residents of Cairn Hill.</p> <p>June 2.—No. 5, Shag Valley Land Sale; No. 6, R. S. Allan.</p> <p>June 8.—No. 7, Roxburgh Land Committee.</p> <p>June 11.—No. 8, Costs of Survey.</p> <p>June 15.—No. 9, Immigration System; and Final Report.</p> <p>Reports considered—Nos. 1, 2, and 3, page 67; No. 4, page 80; and Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, page 135.</p> <p>(For Reports, see <i>Appendix</i>, pages 189 to 195, and 227 and 228.)</p>
9	Tenders for Light Railways	Mr. Speaker, Hon. Dr. Menzies, Mr. Davie, Mr. Green, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Fish	Mr. Fish	May 19	June 8	Motions relative to, June 9, 10, and 15. For Report and Evidence, see <i>Appendix</i> , page 199.

• No. V.—ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION.

No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
1	J. Kirkton and party	1	For a reward for the discovery of the Orepuki Gold Field	April 29	Mr. Daniel	Report from Gold Fields Committee, May 29.
2	Hugh M'Fadyen	1	For inquiry into the circumstances attending the termination of petitioner's contract (No. 629) for surface work on Pine Hill Road	April 30	Mr. Green	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 19.
3	John Richardson	1	That the subject of the Government Grant in aid of the Reference Library in connection with the Otago University be taken into consideration, with the view of such measures being adopted as will enable all classes to participate in the benefits of the said Library	May 4	Mr. Henderson	
4	Settlers of Catlins and Glenomaru districts	91	For the formation of a road connecting the Upper, Middle and Lower Owake Flats	May 4	Mr. Henderson	Referred to Government, May 12.
5	Residents and Owners of Land in the Tuapeka and Waitahuna districts	50	Against the line of road proposed to be formed under the provisions of the Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land Taking Bill	May 4	Mr. J. C. Brown	Stood referred to Committee of Reference. Report from Committee, May 27.
6	Inhabitants of Popotunoa and adjoining districts	64	That a block of 5000 acres on Run 78 be opened for selection under the deferred payments system	May 4	Mr. M'Neil	Motion made by Mr. M'Neil May 11, withdrawn May 27.
7	William Latham	1	For redress for injuries received through a fall in 1867 over the cutting made in prosecution of Bell Hill works	May 4	Mr. Green	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 21.
8	Christopher Rea	1	For redress for losses alleged to have been sustained in consequence of the sale by the Waste Lands Board of petitioner's residence area, Wendon District, and forcible possession of said area being made without compensation for improvements being first paid	May 4	Mr. Ireland	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 10.
9	Householders and Parents of families resident in Naseby	33	Against the granting of the Naseby Recreation Reserve for mining purposes	May 4	Mr. Oliver	Report from Gold Fields Committee, May 11. Resolution of Council, May 12.

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No. 5.—ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION—(Continued.)

No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
10	William Williamson (manager, Kakanui Water Race Co.	1	That the water rights of said Company be taken into favourable consideration	May 4	Mr. de Lautour	Report from Gold Fields Committee, May 21. Motion made and withdrawn, May 28. Resolution, June 9.
11	Settlers in Jacob's River district	50	For the erection of a bridge across the Jacob's River, at or near the place known as Collie's Ford	May 5	Mr. Cumming	Referred to Government, June 1. Motion for £1500 negatived, June 8.
12	Residents of Mount Ida district	131	That sufficient blocks of land may be opened up on deferred payments, and that a Hundred be proclaimed on the Maniototo Plain	May 6	Mr. de Lautour	Report from Gold Fields Committee, May 15. Resolution of Council, May 19.
13	Settlers in New River district	53	That about two miles of the Main North Road be formed and gravelled, and that the road between Branzholm Bush and Winton be repaired	May 6	Mr. Wilson	Referred to Government, May 12.
14	Settlers, and others, of Lower Waitaki	69	Against the running of Sunday Trains on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway	May 6	Dr. Webster	Petitions against Sunday Trains considered, and motions on subject debated, May 27.
15	Inhabitants of Balclutha	171	Against the running of Sunday Trains on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway	May 6	Mr. M'Neil	Do. do.
16	Residents of Invercargill	20	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 7	Mr. Lumsden	Do. do.
17	Residents of Invercargill	50	That separate schools be provided for boys and girls, except in such rural districts where only one school can be maintained	May 7	Mr. Lumsden	Referred to Government, May 11.
18	James Sandison	1	To be recouped expenses incurred in connection with the laying off a track to Martin's Bay, via Greenstone Valley	May 7	Mr. R. Clarke	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 19.
19	Residents of Blacks, Tinkers, and Drybread.	29	That 5000 acres of land on Mr. Glassford's Run be thrown open under the deferred payments system	May 7	Mr. Hazlett	Report from Gold Fields Committee, May 11. Resolution of Council, May 12.

No. V.—ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION—(Continued.)

No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
20	Inhabitants of Wallacetown and neighbourhood	189	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 7	Mr. Wilson	See No. 14.
21	Residents of Popotunoa	117	For improvements on the road from Popotunoa to Mataura	May 7	Hon. Dr. Menzies	Referred to Government May 8.
22	Inhabitants of Portobello and North-East Harbour	303	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 8	Mr. Tolmie.	See No. 14.
23	George Bailey	1	For redress for losses alleged to have been sustained by him as holder of a mortgage over a gold-mining claim at Acton's Flat, Switzer's, in consequence of the land upon which the claim was situated having been sold to one Allan M'Donald	May 8	Mr. Ireland	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 10.
24	John and Norman Campbell	2	Setting forth that the Petitioners were tenderers for the construction of certain sections of Southland Light Railways, and praying for inquiry into the reasons why their tenders were overlooked or rejected	May 8	Mr. Wilson	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 18.
25	Inhabitants of Wakatipu district	110	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 11	Mr. R. Clarke	See No. 14.
26	Inhabitants of Invercargill and neighbourhood	488	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 11	Mr. Wilson	See No. 14.
27	Inhabitants of Invercargill and neighbourhood	297	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 11	Mr. Wilson	See No. 14.
28	Inhabitants of Oteramika	94	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 11	Mr. Kinross	See No. 14.
29	Residents of Naseby	104	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 11	Mr. de Lautour	See No. 14.
30	Thomas Grundy	1	For inquiry into the reasons of his dismissal from the Government service, as Inspector of Depasturing Licenses	May 11	Mr. J. C. Brown	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 20.

No. V.—ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION—(Continued.)

No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
31	Owners of land, and others, in the Crookston and Tuapeka districts	84	That additional land be opened for settlement in said district	May 11	Mr. J. C. Brown	Report from Waste Lands Committee, May 26. Resolution of Council, May 28.
32	Residents of Cardrona and Wanaka districts	42	That a dray road be formed between Cardrona and Arrow	May 11	Mr. M'Kellar	Motion for survey of road affirmed, June 8.
33	Residents in the Southland district	902	That all the unsold agricultural land, as recently classified in said district, including the unsold land in existing Hundreds, be reserved for occupation under the deferred payment system	May 11	Mr. Lumsden	
34	Inhabitants of Tokomairiro	410	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 12	Mr. H. Clark	See No. 14.
35	Inhabitants of Kaitangata and Inch Clutha	102	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 12	Mr. H. Clark	See No. 14.
36	Roxburgh Land Committee	10	For the opening of a block of land on Henderson's Run, Miller's Flar, for settlement under deferred payment system	May 12	Mr. Ireland	Report from Waste Lands Committee, June 8. Resolutions of Council, June 4, and 12.
37	Mayor and Town Council of Naseby	7	For the survey of a line of railway from Palmerston to Clyde	May 13	Mr. de Lautour	Resolution of Council, May 21.
38	Inhabitants of Blueskin	72	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 13	Mr. Green	See No. 14.
39	Inhabitants of Waitahuna	49	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 13	Mr. Reid	See No. 14.
40	Inhabitants of Manuka Creek	52	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 13	Mr. Reid	See No. 14.
41	Inhabitants of Invercargill	416	For the abolition of the tolls levied on the Oreti Bridge, or transfer of said Bridge to the Makarewa Road Board	May 13	Mr. Daniel	Referred to the Government, May 19.
42	Residents, and others, in the districts traversed by the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway	75	That up and down trains be run at earlier and later hours than at present	May 14	Mr. Davie	Resolution of Council, May 15.

No. V.—ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION—(Continued.)

No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
43	James Cooper	1	For redress of grievances in the matter of a certain road line passing through petitioner's leasehold property	May 14	Mr. R. Clarke	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 29.
44	Inhabitants of Wairuna and Waiwera	147	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 14	Mr. M'Neil	See No. 14.
45	Inhabitants of Green Island	235	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 14	Mr. Roberts	See No. 14.
46	Settlers in the Forest Hill district	16	For such an alteration in the boundaries of the Makarewa and Lindhurst Road Districts as will include the petitioners in the Mabel Sub-division of the Lindhurst Road District	May 14	Mr. Kinross	Resolution of Council, June 4.
47	Inhabitants of the Otepopo district	337	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 14	Mr. Teschemaker	See No. 14.
48	Inhabitants of Waikouaiti	219	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 15	Mr. M'Kenzie	See No. 14.
49	Inhabitants of Port Chalmers	305	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 15	Mr. M'Dermid	See No. 14.
50	George Daniels	1	For favourable consideration, on account of his having, whilst in the discharge of his duties as Wardsman in the Dunedin Hospital, contracted serious illness, such as to incapacitate him for active service	May 15	Mr. Fish	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 27.
51	Residents of Hyde	28	For the opening of an additional block of land under the deferred payment system	May 15	Mr. de Lautour	Report from Waste Lands Committee, May 26. Resolution of Council, May 28.
52	Inhabitants of Oamaru district	667	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 18	Mr. M'Lean	See No. 14.
53	Inhabitants of Taieri district	346	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 18	Mr. Allan	See No. 14.
54	Inhabitants of Riverton district	85	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 18	Mr. Cumming	See No. 14.

No. 5.—ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION—(Continued.)

No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
55	Settlers in Shag Valley district	64	For the opening of land for settlement in said district	May 18	Mr. M'Kenzie	Report from Waste Lands Committee, May 21. Resolution of Council, May 28.
56	Settlers in Makarewa	58	For improvements on the Main North Road, through Makarewa	May 18	Mr. Wilson	Referred to Government, May 19.
57	John Mitchell	1	Setting forth that the land purchased by him in Southland District has become overrun with rabbits, to his serious loss, and praying for an exchange of an equal area elsewhere	May 18	Mr. Wilson	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 20.
58	Hori Karei Taiaroa	1	Alleging that rent is due to him on account of the Native Reserve at Port Chalmers, and praying for inquiry into the matter	May 18	Mr. Daniel	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 5.
59	Residents of Hyde and vicinity	92	For the erection of a light traffic bridge over the Taieri River, between Macraes and Hyde	May 18	Mr. de Lautour	
60	George Smith, (contractor)	1	That the Waste Lands Board of Southland District had placed undue restrictions on him in the matter of his license to cut forest timber for railway sleepers, and that in consequence his contract deposit had become forfeited, and praying for redress	May 19	Hon. Mr. Reynolds	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 21.
61	Thomas Brown	1	Setting forth a similar grievance to that of George Smith, and praying for redress	May 19	Hon. Mr. Reynolds	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 21. Referred to Government, May 28.
62	Residents and landowners in the Waitahuna West and adjacent districts	56	That a competent engineer be instructed to lay off the best line of road as a means of communication between Waitahuna West and Lawrence	May 19	Mr. J. C. Brown	
63	Mount Benger Progress Committee	8	That the extension of the Railway from Lawrence up the Valley of the Molyneux River be made concurrently with the construction of the line from Tokomairiro to Lawrence	May 19	Mr. Ireland	

No. V.—ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION—(Continued.)

No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
64	Inhabitants of Wakatipu district	231	That the Forest Regulations recently issued by the Waste Lands Board are unsuited to the requirements of the said district, and praying for a modification thereof	May 19	Mr. Hallenstein	Referred to Government, May 20.
65	Residents in Town of Herbert and Otepopo districts	160	That suitable building accommodation be provided for a Public Library in the said district	May 19	Mr. Teschemaker	Referred to Government, May 26. Motion <i>re</i> site for Mechanics' Institute at Herbert, June 1.
66	Residents of Moeraki	80	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 19	Mr. Teschemaker	See No. 14.
67	Miners, and others, of Mount Ida	105	That the Naseby Recreation Reserve be thrown open for mining purposes	May 20	Mr. de Lautour	See No. 9.
68	Inhabitants of Lawrence	115	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 21	Mr. J. C. Brown	See No. 14.
69	Inhabitants of Palmerston	264	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 21	Mr. M'Kenzie	See No. 14.
70	Inhabitants of Dunedin	993	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 21	Mr. Turnbull	See No. 14.
71	Inhabitants of Dunedin	60	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 21	Mr. Wilson	See No. 14.
72	Inhabitants of Riverton	119	For favourable consideration of the case of Messrs. Gunn, Beer, and Harvey, late contractors for the Jacob's River Bridge	May 21	Mr. Cumming	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 1. Referred to Government, June 3.
73	Ratepayers in the Pine Hill Sub-division of the North-East Valley Road District	15	For re-adjustment of the boundaries of the Halfway Bush Road District	May 21	Mr. M'Glashan	Referred to Government, May 26.
74	Inhabitants of Invercargill and Winton	69	That the Invercargill and Winton Railway be fenced in	May 21	Mr. Wilson	Referred to Government, May 28. See also motions made by Mr. Wood, pages 77 and 111.
75	Inhabitants of Southland district	671	That steps be taken with a view to the extermination of rabbits in said district	May 26	Mr. Cumming	See Resolution moved by Mr. Cumming, May 13, page 31.

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No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
76	Inhabitants of Mount Benger	127	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 26	Mr. Ireland	See No. 14.
77	Inhabitants of Waipapa	90	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 26	Mr. Henderson	See No. 14.
78	Farmers and Settlers of Arthur's Point and vicinity	34	That the approaches to the bridge over the Shotover River known as the Arthur's Point Bridge be proceeded with without delay	May 26	Mr. Hallenstein	
79	Patrick Gantley	1	For favourable consideration of his past services as a police constable	May 26	Mr. Hallenstein	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 29.
80	Robert Sinclair Allan	1	That steps be taken to procure to him a Crown Grant for the fifty acre section which he took up at Martin's Bay	May 26	Mr. Reeves	Report from Waste Lands Committee, June 2. Resolution of Council, June 12.
81	Residents of Cairn Hill and vicinity	33	For the opening of another block of 2500 acres under the deferred payment system	May 26	Mr. Hazlett	Report from Waste Lands Committee, May 28. Resolution of Council, June 2.
82	Stephen Read	1	To be protected in his property leased from Government from the threatened action of Mr. Glassford, the freeholder of land situate below petitioner's leased land on Thomson's Creek	May 26	Mr. Hazlett	Report from Gold Fields Committee, June 9.
83	Residents in the Wakari district	106	That steps be taken to protect passengers on the road in said district from the droves of wild cattle driven to and from the Kaikorai Sale-Yards	May 27	Mr. Stout	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 28.
84	Inhabitants of Popotunoa, Waiwera and Wairuna	140	That all the agricultural land in Runs 102, 78A, 24A, and 9C, be set apart for settlement under the deferred payment system	May 27	Mr. Henderson	Referred to the Government, May 28.
85	The Mayor and Councillors of Clyde	7	That the extension of the railway up the valley of the Molyneux be made concurrently with the construction of the Tokomairiro-Lawrence line	May 27	Mr. Hazlett	
86	Inhabitants of Alexandra	136	Do. do. do.	May 27	Mr. Hazlett	

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No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF Sigs.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
87	Residents of Papakaio and adjacent districts	67	For the opening of a road through application 2229, block IV., Papakaio	May 27	Dr. Webster	Referred to the Government, May 28.
88	Settlers and others of Waitaki	27	Against the proposed alteration of road line in Papakaio district	May 27	Dr. Webster	Referred to the Government, May 28.
89	Inhabitants of Clydevale	42	Against the running of Sunday Trains	May 28	Mr. Henderson	See No. 14.
90	John Walker	1	For favourable consideration of the circumstances under which he retired from the Provincial Government service as messenger	May 28	Mr. Stout	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 5.
91	Members of the No. 1 Company (City Guards) Otago Rifle Volunteers	19	That Land Certificates be granted them under the "Volunteers Land Act, 1865"	May 28	Mr. Roberts	Report from Private Petitions Committee, May 29. For messages and motions relative to Volunteer Land Grants, see pages 53, 89, 99, 119, and 128.
92	Members of No. 2 (Dunedin Scottish) Company Otago Rifle Volunteers	10	That Land Certificates be granted them under the "Volunteers Land Act, 1865"	May 28	Mr. Roberts	See No. 91.
93	John Cowe Esther	1	Setting forth losses sustained in consequence of the lighter "Rose" having struck on a broken pile or beacon in the Harbour, and praying for enquiry in the case with a view to redress being granted	May 29	Mr. Davie	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 5.
94	The Mayor and Councillors of Cromwell	7	For the extension of the railway from Lawrence to Roxburgh, concurrently with the construction of the line from Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	May 29	Mr. M'Kellar	
95	Miners and others of Otago	943	For protection in the matter of the Maerewhenua Water Case	June 1	Mr. de Lantour	Report from Gold Fields Committee, June 8.
96	Settlers in Forest Hill Hundred and neighbourhood	33	For the bridging of Otepiri and Upper Makarewa Rivers	June 1	Mr. Wilson	Referred to the Government, June 2. Motion for £200 affirmed, June 10.

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No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
97	Inhabitants of Mataura Bridge	24	Against the running of Sunday Trains	June 1	Hon. Dr. Menzies	See No. 14.
98	Gottlieb Beissel	1	For favourable consideration for having established a new industry, viz., the manufacture of glue	June 1	Hon. Mr. Reynolds	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 3.
99	George Hepburn (Chairman Halfway Bush District Road Board)	1	That any action in reference to constituting the Wakari Sub-division of the Halfway Bush Road District an independent district be postponed	June 2	Mr. Henderson	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 10.
100	Members of Halfway Bush District Road Board	6	That steps be taken to secure to the inhabitants of said District the benefit contemplated by the Council in voting the sum of £500 for the opening up of the Water of Leith Road	June 2	Mr. Stout	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 11.
101	W. H. Arrow	1	For a modification of the law regulating the sale of alcoholic liquors	June 2	Mr. M'Glashan	Order of the Day for its consideration discharged from the Order Paper, June 5.
102	Henry M'Cay	1	That steps be taken to ascertain the best route for a road from the place known as the Old Exhibition to the present township of Waipori	June 2	Prov. Secretary	
103	Members of the Riverton Rifle Volunteer Company	30	That land certificates be granted them under the Volunteers Land Acts	June 3	Mr. Daniel	See No. 91.
104	Members of the Volunteer Force of Otago	17	That land certificates be granted them under the Volunteers Land Acts	June 4	Mr. Stout	See No. 91.
105	Members of the Portobello Rifle Volunteer Company	8	That land certificates be granted them under the Volunteers Land Acts	June 5	Mr. Stout	See No. 91.
106	Members of the No. 1 Company, 3rd Battalion, Otago Rifle Volunteers (Oamaru Rifle Rangers)	21	That land certificates be granted them under the Volunteers Land Acts	June 5	Mr. Sumpter	See No. 91.

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No.	FROM WHOM.	No. OF SIGS.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHEN PRESENTED.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	REMARKS.
107	Inhabitants of Maerewhenua District	144	For the erection of a bridge over the Maerewhenua, in connection with the Awamoka Railway	June 8	Mr. Sumpter	Referred to the Government, June 11.
108	Mary Rutherford (widow)	1	Setting forth the circumstances under which her late husband lost his life, and praying for favourable consideration	June 8	Mr. H. Clark	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 10.
109	Residents in the Otepopo district	47	That certain portions of the Main North Road be made suitable for bullock traffic	June 8	Mr. Teschemaker	
110	Henry Howorth (Solicitor)	1	Setting forth that sections 1, 2, and 3, in the district of Upper Kaikorai, Crown granted to Henry Orbell and Thomas Cotton, were found to be deficient in area, and praying for enquiry into the matter with a view to redress being granted	June 10	Mr. Stout	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 12.
111	John Charles M'Gregor, late assistant clerk in Crown Grant Department	1	For enquiry into the circumstances of his dismissal from the Provincial Government service, with a view to redress being granted	June 10	Mr. Davie	Report from Private Petitions Committee, June 12.
112	Residents and Settlers in the Waitahuna, Clark's Flat, and Tuapeka districts	66	Against the proposed road through sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, block 6, Waitahuna West District	June 15	Mr. J. C. Brown	Referred to the Government, June 15.

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No. VI.—SCHEDULE OF PAPERS LAID UPON THE TABLE.

NATURE OF DOCUMENT.	DATE.
Balance Sheet and Statement of Expenditure for the twelve months ending March 31st, 1874 (Appendix, pages 143 to 165)	June 1
<i>Bills</i> —(See Tabulated Abstract, No. III.)	
Catalogue of Southland papers, prepared in compliance with recommendation of Select Committee of last Session	April 29
Correspondence respecting the portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and the late Prince Consort (Appendix, page 270)	April 29
Correspondence.—Home Agent to His Honor the Superintendent, from 18th April, 1873, to 28th February, 1874; and His Honor the Superintendent to Home Agent, from 8th July, 1873, to 14th April, 1874 (Appendix, pages 231 to 243)	April 29
Correspondence relative to Reserves made at the last Session of the Council (Appendix, page 250)	May 13
Correspondence relating to the Proclamation of Hundreds proposed during the 32nd Session of the Provincial Council (Appendix, page 211)	May 18
Correspondence relative to Oamaru Harbour Works ... (Appendix, page 272)	May 19
Correspondence relative to the appointment of Mr. James Adam as Emigration Agent for this Province (Appendix, page 243)	May 19
Correspondence relative to the alienation and exchange of portions of Messrs. Glassford Bros.' Run, No. 223, at Tiger Hill (Appendix, page 255)	May 21
Correspondence with Messrs. Cargill and Anderson, in reference to opening up blocks of land for settlement on Runs 199 and 369—ordered on motion of Mr. Ireland, May 13 (Appendix, page 263)	May 26
Draft Standing Orders prepared during the recess by the Standing Orders Committee of last Session	April 29
Dispatch from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, inclosing copy of the Bill to amend the laws relating to the Otago Gold Fields, which lapsed last Session in the House of Representatives (Votes and Proceedings, page 10)	May 4
Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for twelve months ending 31st March, 1875 (Appendix, page 167)	June 1
Final Report of Dunedin Sub-Committee appointed to circulate information with reference to deepening the Upper Harbour	May 19
Further Correspondence with Messrs. Cargill and Anderson and others in reference to opening of blocks of land for settlement on Runs 199 and 369—ordered on motion of Mr. Ireland, May 13 (Appendix, page 266)	May 28
Geological Map of the Province, prepared by Capt. Hutton—for use during Session ...	April 29
Letter from His Honor the Superintendent covering election writs	April 29
Letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the Otago University, relative to the opening of the University, on Monday, the 4th May	April 29
Letter from the Chancellor of the Otago University respecting University Buildings and site (Appendix, page 246)	May 11
Letter from Provincial Auditor, transmitting the Special Orders of unauthorised expenditure, issued since last Session of Council ... (Appendix, page 247)	May 12
Letters from Provincial Auditor, respecting the Balance Sheet and statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1874 (Votes and Proceedings, page 80, and Appendix, page 165)	June 2, 15

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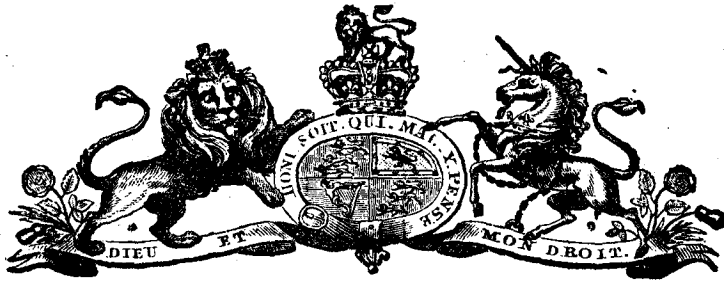
NATURE OF DOCUMENT.	DATE.
Lists of Volunteers entitled to remission of purchase money on land	May 26, June 2, 5, and 10
Maps referred to in the Roads Diversion Bill	May 11
Map showing lands proposed to be set aside as security for loans (for use during Session)	May 26
Map showing unsold lands in Hundreds, Southland District (for use during Session) ...	May 27
Map showing land proposed as Endowment for the Otago Harbour Board	June 11
<i>Messages from His Honor the Superintendent</i> —See Tabulated Abstract No. I. ...	
Memoranda on resolutions of Provincial Council, Session XXXII., by Captain Hutton, <i>re</i> coal fields, deep leads, geological survey, and prospecting gold fields (<i>Appendix</i> , page 80)	April 29
Memoranda by Chief Surveyor on proposed Hundreds and deferred payment blocks ... (<i>Appendix</i> , page 106)	May 18
Memorial from Roxburgh Land Committee respecting the quality of land selected for settlement on Henderson's Run, with Warden Simpson's report relating thereto ...	April 29
Memorial (to Superintendent) from eleven miners at Clark's Diggings, Mount Burster, praying for the opening of a public channel at the said diggings	May 11
Opinion of Provincial Solicitor <i>re</i> occupation of land under deferred payment system—ordered on motion of Mr. Kinross, May 11 (<i>Appendix</i> , page 248.)	May 29
Papers relating to the contracts for Light Railways—ordered on motion of Mr. Kinross, May 12	May 29
Petition (to Superintendent) of 47 inhabitants of the district of Toi Toi, and those interested therein, praying for the construction of a jetty at the Port of Fortrose, and improvements of the road in the said District	May 12
Petition (to Superintendent) of A. Macgregor, Chairman Tapanui Progress Committee, praying for the erection of a bridge over the Pomahaka River	June 3
<i>Petitions presented to the Council</i> —See Tabulated Abstract, No. V.	
Proposals made to Government in reference to the construction of a line of railway through Seaward Bush	May 13
<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> —See Tabulated Abstract, No. IV.	
Report on the Gaol, Dunedin, for 1873-4 (<i>Appendix</i> , page 40)	April 29
Report on the Industrial School, for 1873-4 (<i>Appendix</i> , page 32)	April 29
Report of Commissioner and evidence relating to enquiry into alleged beating of a Roman Catholic child at Tokomairiro School (<i>Appendix</i> , page 1)	April 29
Report on geological survey of the Province, by Capt. Hutton (<i>Appendix</i> , page 79)	April 29
Report on condition of Way and Works, Southland Railways (<i>Appendix</i> , page 63)	April 29
Report on Otago Museum, by Capt. Hutton (<i>Appendix</i> , page 79)	April 29
Report on Coal Field, Preservation Inlet, by Capt. Hutton (<i>Appendix</i> , page 80)	April 29
Report on Tokomairiro and Kaitangata Coal Field, by Capt. Hutton (<i>Appendix</i> , page 80)	April 29
Reports on the Gold Fields by Wardens Simpson (of Clyde) and Stratford (of Naseby) (<i>Appendix</i> , pages 109 and 112)	April 29
Report on the Education Department, including District and High Schools, and School of Art, for 1873 (<i>Appendix</i> , page 11)	April 30

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NATURE OF DOCUMENT.	DATE.
Report by the Provincial Engineer (D. L. Simpson, Esq.) on the proposed deepening of the Upper Harbour (Appendix, page 82)	April 30
Report on the Survey Department, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 67)	May 4
Report on the Roads and Works Department, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 43)	May 4
Report on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 65)	May 4
Report by the Commissioners appointed to classify the unsold lands of Southland District, together with a Report on most suitable lands for occupation on deferred payments in said district (Appendix, pages 91 and 98)	May 4
Report by the Inspector of Forests, Southland District (Appendix, page 102)	May 7
Report by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Invercargill, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 100)	May 7
Report by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 69)	May 7
Report by the Protestant Chaplain to H.M. Gaol, the Hospital, and Lunatic Asylum, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 105)	May 7
Report on the Sheep Department, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 134)	May 8
Report on the Police Department, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 73)	May 8
Report on the Otago Harbour Department, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 83)	May 11
Report by the Chief Surveyor on deferred payment block, Run 111 (M'Nab's)—ordered on motion of Mr. M'Kenzie, May 6 (Appendix, page 249)	May 12
Report on the progress of the Oamaru Harbour Works, by the Engineer (Appendix, page 103)	May 12
Report by G. M. Barr, Esq., C.E., on borings in the Otago Harbour (Appendix, page 141)	May 14
Report of the Council of the Otago University, for 1873-4 (Appendix, page 121)	May 15
Report on the sanitary condition of Cromwell, by Dr. Coughtrey (Appendix, page 127)	May 18
Report by the Chief Surveyor on land in the Waiau District—ordered on motion of Mr. Cumming, June 1 (Appendix, page 249)	June 12
Return of Gold received per escort, for the year ending 31st March, 1874 (Appendix, page 283)	April 29
Return of Reserves in the City of Dunedin for which Crown Grants have been issued, &c.—ordered on motion of the Hon. Major Richardson, July 10, 1873 (Appendix, page 292)	May 13
Return of unsold lands in Hundreds of Southland District—ordered on motion of Mr. Lumsden, April 30 (Appendix, page 275)	May 18
Return of land disposed of on deferred payments—ordered on motion of Mr. Wood, May 12 (Appendix, page 248)	May 20
Return of moneys expended out of vote, "Oamaru to Lindis," between Macrewhenua River and Lindis—ordered on motion of Mr. Sumpter, May 13 (Appendix, page 274)	June 2
Return of contracts for Mount Ida Public Works—ordered on motion of Mr. de Lautour, June 1	June 4
Return of Pastoral Leases—ordered on motion of Mr. J. C. Brown, May 6 (Appendix, page 284)	June 8
Return of the costs of survey to applicants for land, from 1st May, 1872, to 1st May, 1874—ordered on motion of Hon. Dr. Menzies, May 8	June 9

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NATURE OF DOCUMENT.	DATE.
Return of Mining and Mineral Leases—ordered on motion of Mr. R. Clarke, May 5 ... (<i>Appendix</i> , page 282)	June 11
Return of claims allowed and paid in connection with the goods traffic on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway from 31st March, 1873, to 31st March, 1874—ordered on motion of Mr. Reeves, June 9	June 12
Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Trustees under the Acclimatisation Society of Southland Grant Act, 1869, for the year ending 31st March, 1874 ... (<i>Appendix</i> , page 269)	April 29
Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1874 (<i>Appendix</i> , page 145)	June 1
Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1875 (<i>Votes and Proceedings</i> , page 129)	June 12



PROCLAMATION.

Meeting of the Provincial Council.

By His Honor JAMES MACANDREW, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me in that behalf, I do hereby fix and proclaim that the Thirty-third Session of the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago shall be holden within the Provincial Council Hall, Dunedin, in the said Province, and shall commence upon Wednesday, the 29th day of April, 1874, at noon; and the Members of the said Council are hereby warned to give their attendance at such time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the said Province, this eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

(L.S.)

J. MACANDREW,
Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

OTAGO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

SESSION XXXIII, 1874.

OR SECOND SESSION OF SEVENTH COUNCIL.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

Wednesday, April 29, 1874.—(Twelve o'Clock, noon.)

Meeting of Council.—The Council met pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) by His Honor James Macandrew, Superintendent, bearing date the eleventh day of March, 1874.

Prayers.

New Members.—Mr. Speaker read and laid upon the Table, Letter from His Honor the Superintendent, covering duly certified Writs for the return of the following New Members:—

DONALD HENDERSON, Esq., for the District of Clutha, in the room of Major John Larkins Cheese Richardson, resigned.

CHARLES STEPHEN REEVES, Esq., for the District of Dunedin, in the room of John Bathgate, Esq., resigned.

Mr. Henderson and Mr. Reeves were thereupon presented to Mr. Speaker and took their seats in the Council.

Opening Address.—Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk to acquaint His Honor the Superintendent that the Council was now prepared to receive him.

His Honor being announced by the Clerk, entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address in opening the proceedings of the Session:—

MR SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

It is unnecessary for me to address you at any great length upon the present occasion, or to anticipate the detailed information as to the affairs of the Province which will be conveyed to you by the various Departmental Reports to be laid on the table, and the statements to be made by my responsible advisers when the Estimates are submitted.

It must be gratifying to us all to know that the past year has been one of marked ^{Progress of} prosperity, and that throughout the Province generally the manifestations of progress ^{Province.} have never been greater than at present.

The trade returns, both of Exports and Imports, exhibit a satisfactory increase, Gold revenue. with the exception of gold, which shews a slight decrease upon the past year. This is to be accounted for from the circumstance that many of the miners have availed themselves of the high wages which have been earned upon the railway contracts.

The immigration from the United Kingdom during the twelve months ending 31st ^{Immigration.}

March has amounted to 4407 ; while there have been born in the Province during the same period 3168.

Colonial and Provincial Revenue. The gross total of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony collected in Otago during the period in question amounts to £436,147, the whole of which, as you are aware, goes into the Colonial Treasury. Out of this the Province has been credited with £55,580 as capitation allowance.

The payments into the Provincial Treasury during the year amount to £451,425, whilst the expenditure has been £376,607.

Land Sold. There have been sold during the year 258,849 acres of agricultural land, to 404 purchasers ; of town land the sales have amounted to 1625 acres to 596 purchasers ; of agricultural lease areas on Gold Fields there have been granted 30,000 acres to 320 lessees.

Expenditure of votes for past year. On perusing the accounts for the past year, it will be seen that, with very few exceptions, the whole of the appropriations on the main Estimates towards public works have been either expended, or are now under contract. Most of the sums on the Supplementary Estimates have likewise been expended. The contract price of public works, owing to the scarcity of labor, has in very many instances exceeded the vote ; there was, however, no option but either to leave the works in abeyance or to sanction the excess.

Public Works Department. Increase of Staff. I may here observe that, in my opinion, the amount of labour and responsibility which now devolve upon the Public Works Department are much greater than we are warranted in imposing. I propose, therefore, that the construction of railways, of which, it is to be hoped, we shall have not a few constantly in hand, be made a separate branch of the Department, and that provision be made accordingly.

Dunedin Harbour. Besides the Appropriation Bill and the few bills of a formal nature which will be submitted to you, there are several very important questions with which you will be called upon to deal. Of these, I would refer especially to the deepening of Dunedin Harbour. Considerable attention has lately been bestowed upon this subject, and sundry professional reports thereon have been obtained.

It has been suggested that the work of deepening the Harbour should be undertaken by a trust, out of moneys to be borrowed on security of Harbour dues and of the Provincial revenue.

The Government has been requested to introduce a Bill for the constitution of a Trust. Before taking any action in the matter, it is deemed advisable to ascertain your views upon the subject. There can be no question as to the benefits which would accrue from the proposed work, and proposals will therefore be brought before you with the view of immediately proceeding with it, either through the medium of a Trust, or directly by the Government.

While upon this subject, it may be observed that your resolution of last session, whereby it was proposed to reclaim 100 acres in Dunedin Harbor as a Harbor endowment, has not as yet been acted upon, the limited supply of labour during the past year rendered it inexpedient to go on with the work. It is hoped, however, that labor may shortly be sufficiently plentiful to enable this reclamation to be prosecuted with advantage.

Otago University. Copies of correspondence between the Otago University Council and myself will be submitted to you, from which it will be seen that, in the event of your consenting to the granting a suitable site on the old Cemetery Reserve, the present University Building might be disposed of, and the proceeds applied to the erection of an edifice more suitable for University purposes, within the walls of which ample provision might be made for the residence of both Professors and Students. The complete success of the University depends very much upon such provision being made, and I venture strongly to recommend the matter to your favorable consideration. Should you concur in this proposal, a Bill will be at once prepared to give effect thereto.

While upon this subject, I cannot refrain from expressing my regret that the Council and Professors have agreed to relinquish the powers and the status conferred upon the University by the Provincial Legislature, for the problematical advantage of being connected with the University of New Zealand. I can only hope that the result of the negotiations now pending between the two bodies may turn out better than may be anticipated.

Last Session you authorised the erection of a Normal School for the training of ^{Normalschool.} teachers. The difficulty of procuring a suitable site has caused considerable delay in this matter. You will be glad to learn that this obstacle has now been overcome, and that the building will be proceeded with at once. I need not say that much advantage may be anticipated to our educational system from having a regular supply of duly trained teachers, and from increased inspection. Notwithstanding the large sum voted last year for educational purposes, the amount has been found to be far short of our daily increasing requirements; and I am still of opinion that it would be a wise course to adopt my recommendation of last session, and to some extent, at least, to throw on posterity the burden of providing school accommodation, which is as much for the future as for the present.

An amount was voted last year towards a Geological Survey of the Province, and ^{Geological Survey.} you will no doubt be glad to learn that we have succeeded in engaging a gentleman who is eminently qualified to perform this service. Some time has necessarily been occupied at the outset in preliminary operations, but the systematic survey of the Province is now being proceeded with.

In connection with the Geological Survey, Museum, and proposed School of Mines, you will be asked to vote a sum sufficient for the erection of a suitable building, the present accommodation in the University building being totally inadequate.

I desire to solicit your assent to a vote which will be submitted, with a view to ^{Reformatory and Industrial Schools.} providing for the Province a Reformatory School, for the reception of children and young criminals, under proper classification, who cannot be admitted into the Industrial School without contaminating the inmates of that institution, which as a rule consist more of neglected than of criminal children. Considerable difficulty has been experienced from the want of the means of separating the two classes. There is no portion of the public expenditure from which the Province will reap a greater return than that devoted to the Industrial School, and I am not without hope that very shortly the institution will be to a large extent self-supporting.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment ^{Southland Land Act.} Act, 1873, the land in the Southland district has been classified, under which classification the district comprises 204,211 acres, which may be acquired at 40s. an acre, and 696,000 acres, which may be acquired at the rate of 20s. an acre.

There is also power to set aside not exceeding 30,000 acres in any one year for sale on deferred payments, at 25s an acre. Out of the 204,211 acres of 40s. land, it is proposed to reserve from sale 102,800 acres, with the view of same being dealt with on the principle of deferred payment.

Last Session, on my recommendation, you agreed to request the Governor to ^{Hundreds.} proclaim four additional Hundreds, situate on certain Runs. So soon as the boundaries were defined by survey, application was made to have the Hundreds proclaimed. I regret to say, however, that after the lapse of six months it was discovered that the proposed Hundreds could not be proclaimed in consequence of the precise boundaries not having been defined, either in my recommendation or in your resolution. I need not say that it was impossible to have defined the boundaries more exactly than was done at the time; as it is, the precise delineation will be at once submitted for your approval, when it is hoped the proclamation will issue forthwith. The correspondence and opinions on this subject will be laid before you.

Your concurrence will be solicited towards the proclamation of further Hundreds. The proposed new Hundreds, together with some 60,000 acres which it is hoped will be opened on deferred payment during the year, with the further addition of various agricultural lease blocks throughout Gold Fields, will, it is expected, fully meet the demands of settlement for the time being.

Last Session a Bill was passed by the House of Representatives extending the area ^{Deferred Pay} of land which may be taken in any one year on deferred payment from 30,000 to ^{ments.} 100,000 acres. This Bill was not passed by the Legislative Council. It is proposed to renew the application next Session, and also to provide that where there are more than one applicant for deferred-payment sections, the selection will be submitted to auction.

I would strongly urge upon your consideration the expediency of raising the price ^{Price of Land.}

of land, as contemplated under the provisions of the Waste Land Act. I feel persuaded that such a step, while it would greatly curtail land speculation, would in no wise check *bona fide* settlement. I submit that, with main roads and railroads penetrating the country in all directions, land is better worth £5 an acre now than it was worth 5s. when it was inaccessible. Certainly, if early settlers paid £2 an acre when there was not a road in the Province, that figure cannot fairly be considered too high now. It appears to me that if future immigrants into the country, and those who will be from year to year gradually emerging from the labor market, as well as our children, are to have the opportunity of acquiring land, we are in duty bound to husband the public estate by raising the price, as has been partially done in the case of the Southland District, and, so as to assimilate our terms to those of the neighbouring Province of Canterbury.

Water Rights
on Gold Fields.

Another question of vital importance to which I would solicit your attention is that of water rights on Gold Fields; a very serious conflict is impending between the mining and other interests in respect to this matter. The Executive Government has been appealed to, but does not see that it would be justified in allying itself with any one interest in the Province as against another.

The whole question is exceedingly embarrassing, and I confess I can see no satisfactory solution of it unless by mutual compromise and concession on the part of the various interests concerned.

If in your wisdom you can devise any means of meeting the difficulty, I shall be glad. The subject is one which can be dealt with authoritatively by the Colonial Legislature only, with whom your views would, no doubt, have considerable influence.

Conservation
of Forests.

The enormous demand for timber which has of late years sprung up has attracted attention to the value of our forests, and to the importance of conserving and utilising them. The subject is at present engaging the attention of the Colonial Government, with a view to legislation by the General Assembly.

In the meantime the folly of free-granting the forests, containing as they do timber worth thousands of pounds an acre to be turned into charcoal, has so forcibly presented itself to my mind that I have allowed the provisions of the Special Settlement Act to stand very much in abeyance, a course of action in which it is hoped you will concur, the more especially as the number of those who have applied to take advantage of the Act has been almost nil.

There can be no question that this Province possesses in its forests a mine of wealth, the value of which it is difficult to estimate, and which, as population increases, will no doubt be turned to profitable account.

Sale of Auriferous
Lands.

Next to conserving our forests, perhaps the most important problem to be solved at the present time is how best to deal with the auriferous lands of the Province. As you are aware, all lands, the freehold of which is now being acquired from the Crown, is liable to be resumed for mining purposes. The question which it behoves us seriously to consider, is—how is the gold to be extracted without destroying for ever the surface of the soil, and without the footstep of the alluvial miner leaving desolation behind it? No one who travels through the Gold Fields can help being struck with the many fertile spots which have been rendered barren.

My own strong conviction is that the only practical remedy against the evil for the future is, that the miner should possess the freehold of the land in which he is mining. In this case he would have a strong inducement to preserve and replace the surface soil. No doubt this suggestion is surrounded with practical difficulties. They are difficulties, however, which I venture to think might be overcome; and I feel assured that, if the miners could see their own interests, they would unanimously petition the Legislature in this direction. Were this suggestion given effect to, there would be no necessity for Miners' Rights, Gold Fields Staff, or Gold Duty.

In what has been said, I hope I shall not be regarded as seeking to underrate or depreciate the mining interest. What I desire is to attach the mining population to the soil, to give them an interest in preserving it, so that it may produce to themselves and those who succeed them golden grains in all time coming, after the precious metal shall have been extracted.

Lunatic Asylum.

Last year I submitted to you a proposal, by which the Dunedin Lunatic Asylum might be rendered to a great extent self-sustaining, and the personal comfort of the

patients, as well as their chance of recovery, promoted; the subject, however, seems to have escaped your notice. I venture to hope that you will this session enable me to carry the proposal in question into effect. If so, provision can at the same time be made for a special portion of the Asylum being set apart for inebriates.

Gentlemen,—The various branch Railways authorised by you last session have been contracted for at rates which, looking at the advance in the price of labor and materials, may be considered satisfactory. You will be asked to sanction further important branch lines this session, among which may be enumerated the following:— From the main line, up the Valley of the Waihemo, across the Taieri plain to Outram, to the Tokomairiro and Kaitangata coal field, through the island of Inch Clutha, and to Tapanui, and to the Night-cap coal fields. It is hoped that the whole of these branches may be completed as soon as the main lines, to which they will act as important feeders. Instead of forcing land into the market to pay for these lines, I would propose that power be applied for to the General Assembly at its next session to raise money on loan for their construction upon the security of specific blocks of land. Railways.

Last year, as you are aware, a Bill was passed through the House of Representatives authorising, subject to your approval, an extension of the Lawrence line to the Dunstan, the money to be raised upon specific security in the shape of a block of land contiguous to the line; this Bill, however, was thrown out in the Legislative Council. I shall be glad to know your opinion relative to the proposed extension, with a view to further action in the matter. My own opinion is that in many respects the line in question should be regarded as a main trunk line, opening up, as it will, the whole interior of the Province.

The very large increase of traffic on the Southland line renders it absolutely necessary that a considerable expenditure should be at once incurred on additional plant, on storage, and on extension of the wharf at Campbellton. It will also be requisite to reduce the guage from Campbelltown to Winton to 3ft. 6in., and to assimilate the rolling-stock thereto, for which expenditure you will be asked to provide.

The additional pier accommodation now in progress at Port Chalmers will, it is believed, when completed, largely increase the traffic on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers line. As it is, the returns during its first year, which were estimated at £22,000 have amounted to £21,553, while the expenditure has exceeded the estimate by £4,166; of this amount a considerable proportion ought, strictly speaking, to be charged against the capital account, being for outlay incidental to the making of a new line, until it has become consolidated and got into working order. Pier Accom-
modation.

There are various other matters bearing upon the public interest in different parts of the Province to which I might be expected to allude, and to which I should be glad to refer; but, as in common with the questions to which I have directed your attention, these must be submitted to your consideration specifically during the session, I shall refrain from doing so, and for the same reason I would suggest that the usual Reply to my Address may be dispensed with.

Gentlemen, I now declare this Council open for the despatch of business.

JAS. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

His Honor having withdrawn from the Council Chambers, Mr. Speaker intimated that he had received a copy of the Address as delivered by His Honor in opening the proceedings of the Session.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, (Mr. Turnbull) *Ordered*.—That the Address be held as read by Mr. Speaker, and that it be printed.

Petition.—Mr. Daniel presented a Petition from James Kirkton and party, praying for a reward for the discovery of the Orepuki Gold Field. Petition received.

Questions.—Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Stout, Mr. R. Clarke, and Mr. Fish.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting by the Provincial Secretary, Secretary for Gold Fields, Secretary for Lands, Mr. Shand, Mr. Stout (2), Mr. Davie (2), and by Mr. Lumsden (4); for Friday next by Mr. Tolmie; for Monday next by Mr. Reeves; for when in Committee of Supply, by Mr. R. Clarke.

House Committee.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Turnbull), and under suspension of Standing Orders, *Ordered*—That a House Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Hazlett, Mr. M'Neil, Mr. Teschemaker, Mr. Wood, and the Mover.

Message No. 1.—Bluff and Invercargill and Oreti Railways.—Message No. 1 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE NO. 1.

The Superintendent desires the co-operation of the Provincial Council in recommending His Excellency the Governor to proclaim the "Bluff and Invercargill" and "Oreti" Railways, as provided by Section 9 of the "Immigration and Public Works Act, 1873."

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Provincial Government Offices,
Dunedin, 29th April, 1874.

Land Sales, Southland District.—Mr. Lumsden moved, and the Question was proposed,—That Standing Orders be suspended to allow the following motion to be moved, without previous notice, viz:—"That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take such steps as will be necessary to prevent the alienation of any land in the Southland District until this Council has had an opportunity of considering the whole question of land sales in Southland."

Question by leave Withdrawn.

Papers.—The following Papers were laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Speaker—

(1.) Catalogue of Southland papers prepared in compliance with recommendation of Select Committee of last Session.

(2.) Correspondence respecting the portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and the late Prince Consort. (*See Appendix.*)

(3.) Letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the Otago University, inviting members to attend at the opening of the ensuing session of the University, on Monday, the 4th May, at 7.30 p.m.

By Mr. Tolmie—

(4.) Draft Standing Orders, prepared during the recess by the Standing Orders Committee of last Session.

By the Provincial Secretary—

(5.) Correspondence:—Home Agent to His Honor the Superintendent, from 18th April, 1873, to 28th February, 1874, and His Honor the Superintendent to Home Agent, from 8th July, 1873, to 14th April, 1874.

(6.) Return of Gold received per Escort for year ended 31st March, 1874. (*See Appendix.*)

(7.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of Trustees under "The Acclimatisation Society of Southland Grant Act, 1869," for the year ended 31st March, 1874. (*See Appendix.*)

(8.) Report on the Gaol, Dunedin, for the year ended 31st March, 1874. (*Appendix, page 40.*)

(9.) Report on the Industrial School for 1873-4. (*Appendix page 32.*)

(10.) Report of Commissioner, and Evidence relating to Enquiry into alleged beating of a Roman Catholic child at Tokomairiro School. (*Appendix page 1.*)

By the Secretary for Gold Fields and Works—

(11.) Geological Map of the Province, prepared by Captain Hutton (for use during Session.

- (12.) Report on Geological Survey of the Province, by Captain Hutton. (*Appendix*, page 79.)
- (13.) Report on condition of Ways and Works, Southland Railways. (*Appendix*, page 63.)
- (14.) Report on Otago Museum, by Captain Hutton. (*Appendix*, page 79.)
- (15.) Report on Coal Field, Preservation Inlet, by Captain Hutton. (*Appendix*, page 80.)
- (16.) Report on Tokomairiro and Kaitangata Coal Field, by Captain Hutton. (*Appendix*, page 80.)
- (17.) Memoranda on resolutions of Provincial Council, Session XXXII., by Captain Hutton, *re* Coal Fields, Deep Leads, Geological Survey, and Prospecting Gold Fields. (*Appendix*, page 80.)
- (18.) Report on Gold Fields, by Warden Simpson, Clyde, to 31st March, 1874. (See *Appendix*, page 109.)
- (19.) Report on Gold Fields, by Warden Stratford, Naseby, to 31st March, 1874. (See *Appendix*, page 112.)

By the Secretary for Lands—

(20.) Memorial from Roxburgh Land Committee, respecting the quality of land selected for settlement on Henderson's Run, with Warden Simpson's report relating thereto.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at one o'clock, p.m., adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., the following day.

Thursday, April 30, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petition.—Mr. Green presented a Petition from Hugh McFadyen, praying for enquiry into the circumstances attending the termination of Petitioner's contract (No. 629) for surface work on Pine Hill Road. Petition received.

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions for, next sitting, were given by Mr. Fish and by Mr. Stout.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by Mr. M'Kenzie (2), Mr. Fish (2), Mr. R. Clarke (2), Dr. Webster, and by Mr. Stout; for when in Committee of Supply, by Mr. Daniel.

Executive Council.—The Provincial Secretary made a statement respecting the Executive Council, and having intimated that the Executive had tendered their resignations to His Honor the Superintendent, moved *pro forma*—That this Council do now adjourn.

The Provincial Secretary asked leave to withdraw the motion for adjournment. Leave withheld.

The Question of adjournment being put, it passed in the Negative.

QUESTIONS.

Alienation of Land on Deferred Payments.—Mr. Stout asked the Secretary for Lands—If any, and if so, what steps have been taken, under the Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, to secure that the land alienated by license or lease under sections 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 52A, 52B, 52C, 53, and 54, shall be occupied by *bona fide* settlers? Also, if all applicants have made the declaration on oath required by the 54th section of the said Act.

The Secretary for Lands answered—This Question can only be answered authoritatively by the Waste Lands Board. The Crown Lands Commissioner informs me, however, that successful applicants get a certificate of occupation until the licenses are ready, and are then required to make the declaration prescribed by the 54th section of the Act; but as yet no licenses are ready. No regulations beyond the Act itself have, so far as I am aware, been made.

Bridge over the Kawarau.—Mr. R. Clarke asked the Secretary for Works and Gold Fields—Whether tenders have been received for the erection of a Bridge across the Kawarau River at Morven Ferry?

The Secretary for Gold Fields and Works answered—Up to the present time no offer has been received for the erection of the Bridge referred to.

Jetty at Riverton.—Mr. Fish asked the Secretary for Works—Why the Government placed the Jetty at Riverton in the centre of the river, instead of from the shore as desired by the Municipal Council and other residents of that place?

The Secretary for Gold Fields and Works answered—This Jetty has been erected at the present site upon the advice of the Provincial Engineer and the Chief Harbour Master.

MOTIONS.

Committee of Reference.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Ordered*—That a Committee of Reference be appointed, consisting of Mr. Lumsden, Hon. Dr. Menzies, Mr. Stout, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Wilson, Mr. McGlashan, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers.

Gold Fields Committee.—On motion of the Secretary for Gold Fields and Works, *Ordered*—That a Gold Fields Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. McKellar, Mr. Hazlett, Mr. Sumpter, Mr. Oliver, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report from time to time; and that all matters appertaining to Gold Fields stand referred to the said Committee.

Private Petitions Committee.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Ordered*—That a Private Petitions Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. H. Clark, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Green, Mr. McDermid, Mr. Fish, Mr. Reid, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers, and report from time to time.

Printing Committee.—On motion of Mr. Shand, *Ordered*—That a Printing Committee be appointed consisting of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. de Lautour, Mr. Stout, Mr. Reeves, Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. Daniels, and the Mover.

Leave of Absence.—On motion of Mr. Davie, *Ordered*—That leave of absence be granted to the hon. member for Waikouaiti (Mr. Mills) during this Session of the Provincial Council.

Appropriation Ordinances (Nos. 1 and 2), 1873-4.—Mr. Stout having drawn “the attention of the Council to the manner in which ‘The Appropriation Ordinance (No. 1) 1873-4,’ and ‘The Appropriation Ordinance (No. 2) 1873-4,’ have been printed, and to the fact that the Ordinances as printed, apparently ‘under the authority of the Provincial Government of Otago, by Mills, Dick, and Co., Stafford-street, Printers to the said Provincial Government for the time being,’ are not as they were passed by the Provincial Council,” moved, and the Question was proposed—That the said Government Printers and the Executive be directed to furnish in writing any explanation they may have to offer for so printing the said Appropriation Ordinances.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Question was considered in Committee of the whole Council.

In Committee.

A Debate ensued.

Question by leave withdrawn.

Council Resumed.

Government Employés.—Mr. Stout moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take such steps as will secure to every Government employé one day's cessation from work in the seven.

A Debate ensued.

The Hon. Dr. Menzies moved the Amendment of the “Previous Question.”

And the Question being put—That this Question be now put,—the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 11.

Mr. Bastings	|	Mr. Lumsden
„ Brown (J. C.)		„ Reeves
„ Browne (G. F. C.)		„ Wood
„ Fish		„ Clarke R. } Tellers.
„ Ireland		„ Stout
„ Kinross		

NOES, 16.

Mr. Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ Davie
 „ de Lautour
 „ Henderson
 „ Mollison
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Glashan

Mr. McNeil
 Hon. Mr. Reynolds
 Mr. Teschemaker
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Allan
 Hon. Dr. Menzies } Tellers

So it passed in the Negative.

Classification of Unsold Lands in Southland District.—On motion of Mr. Lumsden, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, respectfully requesting that the Report of the Commissioners appointed to classify the unsold lands in the Southland District, together with their Report as to the most suitable lands for occupation on deferred payments in that district, be laid upon the Table; and that the said Reports be printed.

Return of Unsold Land in Southland District.—On motion of Mr. Lumsden, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table at as early a date as possible during the present Session of this Council, a Return, to be supplied by the Land Officer of the Southland District, giving the description as to sections, blocks, and area of all the unsold available open land within the several hundreds in the late Province of Southland, together with a map shewing position of same.

Invercargill Water Supply.—Mr. Lumsden moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to reserve, as a site for the collection and supply of water for the Town of Invercargill, the land consisting of one block 600 acres, being a rectangular block of land situated near the head of the west branch of the Dunsdale Creek, in the Forrest Hill Hundred, having a hundred chains frontage to the creek, and a depth of 30 chains on each side thereof; and one block 600 acres, being a rectangular block of land situated on the east branch of the Dunsdale Creek, in the Forrest Hill and Waimumu Hundreds, having one hundred chains to the creek, and a depth of 30 chains on each side thereof.

Question by leave withdrawn.

Otago Harbour Improvement.—On motion of Mr. Davie, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, respectfully requesting him to take immediate steps to have such borings and such a survey made of the Upper Harbour of Otago as will the better enable this Council to discuss the question of Otago Harbour Improvement.

Land Sales, Southland District.—On motion of Mr. Lumsden, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take such steps as will be necessary to prevent the alienation of any land in the Southland District until this Council has had an opportunity of considering the whole question of land sales in Southland.

Bills.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table, the following Bills:—Riverton Government Reserve Bill; Naseby Water Works Empowering Bill; Papakaio Railway Reserve Bill; Portobello Cemetery Reserve Sale Bill, and the Lower Kaikorai District Road Lands Exchange Bill.

The said Bills were severally read a first time, ordered to be printed, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for Tuesday next.

The Provincial Secretary also laid upon the Table, the Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land Taking Bill, which was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The said Bill thereupon stood referred to the Committee of Reference, in accordance with Standing Order No. 8 under the "Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Act, 1866."

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Report on the Education Department for 1873. (*Appendix*, page 11)

The Secretary for Gold Fields and Works laid upon the Table—Report by the Provincial Engineer on the proposed deepening of the Upper Harbour. (*Appendix*, page 82)

Adjournment.—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council do now adjourn until two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. J. C. Brown moved as an Amendment—That this Council do now adjourn until two o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

Monday, May 4, 1874.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were resented and received:—

(1.) Petition of John Richardson, settler, praying that the subject of the Government Grant in aid of the Reference Library in connection with the Otago University be taken into consideration with the view of such measures being adopted as will enable all classes to participate in the benefits of the said Library.—[By Mr. Henderson.]

(2.) Petition of 91 Settlers of Catlin's and Glenomaru Districts praying for the formation of a road connecting the Upper, Middle, and Lower Owake Flats.—[By Mr. Henderson.]

(3.) Petition of 50 Residents and owners of land in the Tuapeka and Waitahuna Districts against the line of road proposed to be formed under the provisions of the Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land Taking Bill.—[By Mr. J. C. Brown.]

(4.) Petition of 64 Inhabitants of Popotunoa and adjoining districts, praying that a block of 5,000 acres on Run 78, and a block of 5000 on Run 90, be opened for selection under the deferred payments system.—[By Mr. McNeil.]

(5.) Petition of William Latham, praying for redress for injuries received through a fall in 1867 over the cutting made in prosecution of Bell Hill Works.—[By Mr. Green.]

(6.) Petition of Christopher Rea, praying for redress for losses alleged to have been sustained in consequence of the sale by the Waste Lands Board of petitioner's residence area, Wenden District, and forcible possession of said area being made without compensation for improvement being first paid.—[By Mr. Ireland.]

(7.) Petition of 33 Householders and parents of families residing in Naseby, against the granting of the Naseby recreation reserve for mining purposes.—[By Mr. Oliver.]

(8.) Petition of Wm. Williamson, Manager of Kakanui Water Race Company, praying the Council to take the Water Rights of said Company into favorable consideration.—[By Mr. de Lautour.]

Message No. 2—Goldfields Bill.—Message No. 2, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE NO. 2.

The Superintendent forwards herewith, for an expression of opinion from the Provincial Council, a Despatch from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated the 21st April, enclosing copy of the Bill to amend the laws relating to the Gold Fields, which lapsed last Session in the House of Representatives.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Provincial Government Offices, Dunedin, 4th May, 1874.

(ENCLOSURE)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 21st April, 1874.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

SIR,—I herewith enclose the Bill to amend the laws relating to the Gold Fields, which lapsed last Session in the House of Representatives.

2. The management of the Goldfields, though nominally confided to the Governor, has really, through the system of delegation adopted, vested in the charge of the Superintendents, with more or less assistance from their Provincial Councils and Executives.

3. There is evidence that the conditions which may suit the Gold Fields in one part of the Colony are not necessarily suitable to those in other parts.

4. The Government desire to ask your Honor—(1st) Whether in your opinion there is that pressing need for legislation on the subject which makes it necessary or desirable to deal with the matter during

the coming Session, or whether it would be better to defer legislation. (2nd.) Supposing your Honor thinks legislation during the coming Session desirable, do you approve the Bill under consideration, or in what respect would you advise its amendment?

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
(In the absence of the Colonial Secretary.)

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions were given, for next sitting by Mr. de Lautour; for Thursday next, by Hon. Dr. Menzies.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting by Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. Daniel, Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. de Lautour, and Mr. Kinross; for When in Committee of Supply by Mr. Fish, Mr. Ireland (3), and by Mr. Cumming.

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

(1) Report on the Survey Department for 1873-4. (*Appendix, page 67.*)

The Secretary for Gold Fields and works laid upon the Table—

(2) Report on the Roads and Works Department for 1873-4. (*Appendix, page 43.*)

The Secretary for Lands laid upon the Table—

(4) Report by the Commissioners appointed to classify the unsold Lands in the Southland District, with Map (for use during Session), together with a Report as to the most suitable lands for occupation on deferred payments in the said district—ordered on motion of Mr. Lumsden, April 30. (*See Appendix.*)

Executive Council.—The Provincial Secretary, the Secretary for Lands, and Mr Reid, respectively, made statements respecting the Executive Council.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at twenty-five minutes past two o'clock, p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m., the following day.

Tuesday, May 5, 1874.—(Two o'Clock p.m.)

Prayers. *Minutes* read and confirmed.

Petition.—Mr. Cumming presented a Petition from 50 settlers in the Jacob's River District, praying for the erection of a Bridge across the Jacob's River at or near the place known as Collie's Ford. Petition received.

Notice of Question.—Notice of Question for Thursday next was given by Hon. Dr. Menzies.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting by Mr. R. Clarke, and for Committee of Supply by Mr. R. Clarke.

Standing Orders.—On motion of Mr. McGlashan (for Mr. Tolmie,) *Resolved*—That the Standing Orders prepared during the recess by the Standing Orders Committee of last Session, and laid upon the Table on the 29th April last, be adopted.

Executive Council.—The Provincial Secretary and Mr. Reid made statements respecting the Executive Council.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at twenty minutes past two o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the following day.

Wednesday, May 6, 1874.—(Two o'Clock p.m.)

Prayers. *Minutes* read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received:—

(1) Petition of 131 Residents of the District of Mount Ida, praying that sufficient blocks of land be opened up on deferred payments, and that a Hundred be proclaimed on the Maniofoto Plain.—[*By Mr. de Lautour.*]

(2) Petition of 53 Settlers in New River District, praying that about two miles of the

Main North Road be formed and gravelled, and that the road between Branhholm Bush and Winton be repaired.—[By Mr. Wilson].

(3.) Petition of 69 Settlers and others of Lower Waitaki, against the running of Sunday Trains on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway.—[By Dr. Webster.]

(4.) Petition of 171 Inhabitants of Balclutha against the running of Sunday Trains on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway.—[By Mr. McNeil.]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. McKellar, and by Mr. Ireland.

Executive Council.—Message No. 3, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE No. 3.

The Superintendent informs the Provincial Council that he has received and accepted the resignations of—

George Turnbull, Esq., as Provincial Secretary and Treasurer ;
George Murray Webster, Esq., as Secretary for Land ;
Horace Bastings, Esq., as Secretary for Works and Gold Fields ;
James Shand Esq.,—and as Members of the Executive Council.

And has appointed—

Donald Reid, Esq., Provincial Secretary and Secretary for Lands and Works ;
George Turnbull, Esq., Provincial Treasurer ;
Robert Stout, Esq., Provincial Solicitor ;
George Murray Webster, Esq. ;
George Lumsden, Esq., Members of the Executive Council.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

6th May, 1874.

Standing Orders.—Message No. 4, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE No. 4.

The Superintendent has approved of the Standing Orders adopted by the Provincial Council on the fifth day of May current.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

6th May, 1874.

QUESTIONS.

Mining Board for the Province.—Mr. de Lautour asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether the Government will be prepared to take advantage of the powers delegated to it under the Gold Fields Act, 1866, and the Amendment Act, of 1867, to grant the desire expressed by the Mining Conferences of 1872 and 1874, 'that a Mining Board, to frame their own By-Laws, should be appointed for the Province of Otago ?

The Provincial Secretary [Mr. Reid] answered—The Government will take this matter into serious consideration, and after having done so, will state what course it will be prepared to take.

A djournment.—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council do now adjourn."

Question by leave withdrawn.

Order of Proceedings.—On motion of Provincial Secretary, *Ordered*—That Motions take precedence of the Orders of the Day.

MOTIONS.

Reserves.—On motion of Mr. Reeves, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return specifying the area in each case of all lands set apart as Reserves for Mechanics' Institutes,

Athenæums, Schools, Libraries, Recreation Grounds, Municipalities, Race-courses, Cemeteries, and Hospitals in the Province, and the Crown Grants issued in respect thereof.

Private Petitions Committee.—On motion of Dr Webster, *Ordered*—That the number of Members on the Private Petitions Committee be increased to nine; and that Mr. Speaker (with his consent) and the Hon. Dr. Menzies be added to the said Committee.

Leave of Absence—Mr. Hallenstein.—On motion of Mr. R. Clarke, *Ordered*—That leave of absence be granted to the hon. member for the Lakes (Mr. Hallenstein) for one week.

Leave of Absence—Mr. Sumpter.—On motion of Mr. M'Neil (for Mr. Green), *Ordered*—That leave of absence be granted to the hon. member for Waitaki (Mr Sumpter) for the remainder of this week.

Leave of Absence—Mr. M'Lean.—On motion of Mr. Tolmie, *Ordered*—That leave of absence be granted to the hon. member for Oamaru Town (Mr M'Lean) for three weeks.

Leave of Absence—Mr. Rogers.—On motion of Dr. Webster, *Ordered*—That leave of absence be granted to the hon. member for Oreti (Mr. Rogers) for one week.

Land opened on Runs of Sir F. D. Bell.—On motion of Mr. M'Kenzie, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council, all correspondence, agreements, and other documents in the possession of the Government, relative to the opening up of land, and selling of the same, on the runs of Sir. F. D. Bell, in Shag Valley, during the last five years.

Land for sale on Deferred Payments—M'Nab's Run.—On motion of Mr. M'Kenzie, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to obtain from the Chief Surveyor, and cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council, a Report on the quality of the land set apart for sale on deferred payments on M'Nab's run, as compared with the quality of the land on other parts of the run; also a Report on the quality of the land contained in the irregular block, "some 750 acres," marked as a pre-emptive right in the lithographic maps, as compared with the remainder of the block.

Opening of Tenders.—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that all tenders for Government works exceeding the sum of fifty pounds, should be opened in the presence of the Contractors, when practicable.

Hon. Mr. Reynolds moved the Amendment of the Previous Question;

And the Question being put—That this Question be now put,—it passed in the Negative.

Prospector of Longwood Gold Field.—On motion of Mr. R. Clarke, *Ordered*—That all papers and petitions concerning the claim of John Aldred to be considered and rewarded as the prospector of the Longwood Gold Field be referred to the Gold Fields' Committee for consideration.

Mineral Leases.—On motion of Mr. R. Clarke, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table of this Council, a Return showing the quantity of land held by virtue of mineral leases in each Gold Field District of this Province, and the amount of rent received during the last twelve months for such leases.

Riverton Athenæum Reserve.—Mr. Daniel moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to set aside section 2, block I. (one) of the Town of Riverton, for the Athenæum, in lieu of the portion taken for the Railway from the previous reserve, section 21 of the same block.

Question by leave withdrawn.

Return of Pastoral Leases.—On motion of Mr. J. C. Brown, *Ordered*—That there be laid on the Table, a Return showing the position of each Run in the Province of Otago, number of stock depastured, and amount of rent received during 1873-4; also, date of expiry of said leases, acreage of land taken from each Run, whether for sale, lease, or deferred payments, during the last five years, detailing each year separately."

Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway.—On motion of Mr. M'Dermid, *Ordered*—That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Fish, Mr. H. Clark, Mr. Oliver, Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. M'Kenzie, and the Mover, to enquire into the management and the carrying capacity of the Port Chalmers Railway, and to report within eight days; said Committee to have power to call for persons and papers.

Surveys.—Mr. de Lautour moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the Survey staff of the Province be increased; and that compulsory surveys, made under order of the Wardens' Courts, whether for agricultural areas or for inspection of races under the receipt of subsidy from the General Government for the passing of progress payments, or their construction, or for mining areas, be performed free of charge.

Mr. Ireland moved—That the Question be amended by the insertion of the words "or Waste Lands Board" after the words "Wardens' Courts," and the words "within Gold Fields" after the words "mining areas."

The Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Revenue and Expenditure, Southland District.—On motion of Mr. Kinross, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table of this Council, a Statement, showing the revenue, and how derived, and the expenditure, and how expended, in the late Province of Southland, from the date of Union up to 31st March last.

Planting of Forest Trees.—On motion of Mr. R. Clarke, *Resolved*—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable to encourage in every legitimate way the planting of forest trees in the unsupplied portions of this Province, and with a view to give effect to this desideratum, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take such steps as he may deem best calculated to encourage the planting of forest trees in such portions of this Province as are inadequately supplied with timber.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bills.—On motion of the Provincial Treasurer (Mr. Turnbull), the Riverton Government Reserve Bill, the Naseby Water Works Empowering Bill, the Portobello Cemetery Reserve Sale Bill, and the Lower Kaikorai District Road Lands Exchange Bill, were severally read a third time and committed, and being reported without amendments, were forthwith read a third time and passed.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at twenty minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the following day.

Thursday, May 7.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received:—

(1.) Petition of 20 Residents of Invercargill against the running of Sunday Trains.—*[By Mr. Lumsden.]*

(2.) Petition of 50 Residents of Invercargill, praying that separate Schools be provided for boys and girls, except in such rural districts in which only one school can be maintained.—*[By Mr. Lumsden.]*

(3.) Petition of James Sandison, praying to be recouped for expenses incurred in connection with the laying-off of a track to Martin's Bay, *via* Greenstone Valley.—*[By Mr. R. Clarke.]*

(4.) Petition of 29 Residents of Blacks, Tinkers, and Drybread, praying that 5000 acres of land on Mr. Glassford's Run be thrown open under the deferred payments system.—*[By Mr. Hazlett.]*

(5.) Petition of 189 Inhabitants of Wallacetown and neighbourhood, against the running of Sunday Trains.—*[By Mr. Wilson.]*

(6.) Petition of 117 Residents of Popotunoa, praying for improvements on the road from Popotunoa to Matura.—*[By Hon. Dr. Menzies.]*

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions were given for next sitting by Mr. Kinross and Mr. de Lautour; for Monday next, by Mr. Wood.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given for next sitting by the Secretary for Lands (18), Hon. Dr. Menzies (4), Mr. Daniel (2), Mr. Green, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Reeves, and by Mr.

Fish; for Monday next, by Mr. Wood, and by Mr. McNeil (2); for Tuesday next, by Mr. Daniel; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. R. Clarke (2).

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

(1.) Report by the Inspector of Forests, Southland District.—(*See Appendix.*)

(2.) Report by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Invercargill, for 1873-4.—(*See Appendix.*)

(3.) Report by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin, for 1873-4.—(*Appendix*, page 69.)

The Provincial Treasurer laid upon the Table—

(4.) Report by the Protestant Chaplain to H. M. Gaol, the Hospital, and Lunatic Asylum.—(*See Appendix.*)

Roads Diversion Bill.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table, the Roads Diversion Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Monday next.

QUESTIONS.

Staff System of Survey.—The Hon. Dr. Menzies asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether he can inform the Council why the recommendation of the Waste Lands Committee of last Session to return to the staff system of survey has not been carried out, and whether the present Government is prepared to do so?

The Provincial Secretary answered—To some extent, this recommendation has been given effect to. It is the intention of the present Government to return to the system of staff survey as soon as practicable, without injustice to the surveyors at present employed.

Commonage for Cromwell.—Mr. McKellar asked the Secretary for Lands—What steps have been taken during the recess to provide a Commonage for the Cromwell District; also to lay the correspondence which has taken place on the subject upon the Table; and to give any information which may be required to explain why the vote provided last Session was allowed to lapse?

The Provincial Secretary answered—Steps were taken during the recess, but Government was advised it had not the power to make the reserve in question. Subsequently, an opinion was obtained from the Attorney-General, viz.: "I am of opinion that licenses or leases may be cancelled under section 6 of the Waste Lands Act, 1872, and then dealt with by regulations under section 14 of the Act of 1866. Lessees entitled to compensation under Act of 1872." Since receipt of that opinion, the Chief Surveyor has been instructed to lay off a suitable block, and the vote will be renewed this Session.

Land for Settlement.—Mr. Ireland asked the Government—Whether it is intended to open land for settlement on the following Runs; and if so, to what extent respectively: Nos. 326, 328, 327, 212, 178?

The Provincial Secretary answered—It is the intention of the Government to open up land for settlement on some of these runs, but to what extent on each run I am unable at present to state. A definite answer will be given before the close of the Session.

Executive Council.—The Provincial Secretary made a statement respecting the Executive Council.

Adjournment.—The Provincial Secretary moved, *pro forma*, and the Question was proposed—That this Council do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council accordingly, at twenty minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the following day.

Friday, May 8, 1874.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers.—*Minutes* read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received:—

(1.) Petition of 303 Inhabitants of Portobello and North East Harbor against the running of Sunday Trains—[*By Mr. Tolmie.*]

(2.) Petition of George Bailey, praying for redress for losses alleged to have been sustained by him as holder of a mortgage over a Gold-Mining Claim at Acton's Flat, Switzers, in consequence of the land upon which the claim was situated having been sold to one Allan Macdonald.—[By Mr. Ireland.]

(3.) Petition of John and Norman Campbell, setting forth that the Petitioners were tenderers for the construction of certain sections of Southland Light Railways, and praying for enquiry into the reasons why their tenders were overlooked or rejected.—[By Mr. Wilson.]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Kinross, Mr. M'Kellar, and by Mr. Fish.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given for next sitting by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Lumsden, and by Mr. de Lautour; for Tuesday next, by Mr. Wood; for Wednesday next, by Mr. Daniel.

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

- (1.) Report on the Sheep Department for 1873-4.—(See *Appendix*.)
- (2.) Report on the Police Department for 1873-4.—(*Appendix*, page 73.)

QUESTIONS.

Road Ordinance.—Mr. Kinross asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce an amended Road Ordinance during the present Session of Council?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the affirmative.

Regulations under Waste Lands Act.—Mr. de Lautour asked the Government—Whether regulations under sub-section 6 clause 54 of the Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, have been framed, or when such regulations will be framed?

The Provincial Secretary answered—No regulations have yet been framed, but it is the intention of the Government to frame regulations at early as practicable.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Papakao Railway Reserve Bill.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Papakao Railway Reserve Bill was postponed until Monday next.

MOTIONS.

Site for School, Athol.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 5 and 6, block 2, Athol, be set apart as a site for a Public School.

Site for School, Hill's Creek.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 3 and 4, block 3, Hill's Creek Township, be set apart as a site for a Public School.

Reserve for Educational Purposes, Tuapeka East.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 65, block 5, Tuapeka East, be set apart for Educational purposes.

Reserve for Educational Purposes, Glenomaru.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 17, block 3, Glenomaru, be set apart for Educational purposes.

Site for School, Macraes.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 23, 24, 25, and 26, block 1, Macraes, be set apart as a site for a Public School.

Reserve for Educational Purposes, Molyneux Township.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, block 26, Molyneux Township, be set apart for Educational purposes.

Reserve for Educational Purposes, Hampden.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 9, 10, 11 and 19, block 32, Hampden, be set apart for Educational purposes.

School Site, Wendon.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 69, block 1, Wendon District, be set apart as a site for a Public School.

School Site, Port Chalmers.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement three (3) roods, more or less, situate in the Town of Port Chalmers, being sections numbered respectively sixty-nine (69), seventy (70), and seventy-one (71), on the map of the said town, bounded towards the north-west by Ajax Road, three hundred (300) links; towards the north-east by section numbered 72, two hundred and fifty (250) links; towards the south-east by sections numbered respectively 51, 52, and 53, three hundred (300) links; and towards the south-west by section numbered 68, two hundred and fifty (250) links, be set apart as a site for a Public School.

School Site, Cardrona.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 10, block 1, Cardrona district, be set apart as a site for a Public School.

Site for Fire Brigade Station, Naseby.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 132, block 1, Naseby, be set apart as a site for a Fire Brigade Station.

Cemetery Reserve, Athol.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Athol, and containing two acres, more or less, bounded on the south-east by south-east boundary of block 4, four hundred links; on the south-west by part of south-west boundary of block 4, five hundred links; on the north-west by a line parallel to, and five hundred links distant from, the south-east boundary; and on the north-east by part of north-east boundary of the township, five hundred links, be set apart for a Public Cemetery.

Cemetery Reserve, Kaitangata.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 15 block 5, Kaitangata, be set apart for a Public Cemetery.

Site for Public Pound, Invercargill.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, block 46, Invercargill, be set apart as a site for a Public Pound.

Cemetery Reserve, Mataura.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that area in the Province of Otago, Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement ten (10) acres, more or less, situate in the south-eastern corner of block 17, Township of Mataura Bridge, bounded towards the north by section 1 of said block, twelve hundred and fifty (1250) links; towards the east by a road line, eight hundred (800) links; towards the south by section 11, block 3, Tuturau District, twelve hundred and fifty and four-tenths (1250 $\frac{4}{10}$) links; and on the west by section 13, of said block 17, eight hundred links, be set apart for a Public Cemetery.

Municipal Reserves, Cromwell.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 4, 11, and 13 block 67; 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 13, block 52; 6, 13, and 14, block 53; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, block 56; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, block 39; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, block 8; 1 and 2, block 63; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, block 79; 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, and 16, block 50; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, block 12; 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16 block 77; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, block 35: Also all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement a total area of seven (7) acres three (3) roods and thirty-six (36) poles, more or less, situate in the Town of Cromwell, comprising reserve at the junction of Down Street with Melmore Terrace, and numbered block 88, bounded towards the north-west by Down Street, three hundred and sixty-two (362) links, towards the north-east by Gavan Street, two hundred and sixty-five (265) links, and towards the south-east by Melmore Terrace, four hundred and forty-nine (449) links, together with sections numbered respectively 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, block eleven (11), bounded towards the north-west by sections numbered respectively 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, five hundred (500) links, towards the north-east by Gavan Street, two hundred (200)

links towards the south-east by section numbered 1, one hundred (100) links, again towards the north-east by the said section 1, two hundred and fifty (250) links, again towards the south-east by Down Street, four hundred (400) links, and towards the south-west by Derry Street, four hundred and fifty (450) links: together with sections thirteen (13) and fourteen (14), block thirteen (13), bounded towards the north-west by Monaghan Street two hundred and fifty (250) links, towards the north-east by Inniscourt Street two hundred (200) links, towards the south-east by section numbered 12, two hundred and fifty (250) links, and towards the south west by sections numbered respectively 6 and 7 two hundred (200) links: together with sections eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), block fourteen (14), bounded towards the north-west by section numbered 11 two hundred and fifty (250) links, towards the north-east by Inniscourt Street three hundred (300) links, towards the south-east by Monaghan Street, two hundred and fifty (250) links and towards the south-west by sections numbered respectively 1, 2, and 3, three hundred (300) links; together with sections numbered respectively twelve (12), thirteen (13), and fourteen (14) of the said block 14; bounded towards the north-west by Down Street, two hundred and fifty (250) links; towards the north-east by Inniscourt Street, three hundred (300) links; towards the south-east by section numbered 11, two hundred and fifty (250) links; and towards the south-west by sections numbered respectively 5, 6, and 7, three hundred (300) links; together with sections numbered respectively one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) twelve (12), thirteen (13), and fourteen (14), block sixty-two (62), bounded towards the north-west by Down Street, five hundred (500) links; towards the north-east by Donegal Street, seven hundred (700) links; towards the south-east by Monaghan Street, five hundred (500) links; and towards the south-west by Inniscourt Street, seven hundred (700) links, as delineated on the Record Map of the said Town—be set apart as Municipal Reserves for the Town of Cromwell.

Site for Public Library, Skippers.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement twenty-six (26) poles, more or less, situate in Skipper's Creek District, being section numbered seventy (70), block eleven (11), on the map of the said district; bounded towards the north-west by a road line, one hundred and eleven (111) links; towards the north-east by section numbered 2, one hundred and sixty-nine (169) links; towards the south-east by section numbered 30, one hundred and nineteen (119) links; and towards the south-west by Crown Lands, one hundred and twenty-five (125) links—be set apart as a site for a Public Library.

Railways, Southland District—Reply to Message No 1.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That this Council, having had under consideration Message No. 1 from His Honor the Superintendent, joins with His Honor in recommending His Excellency the Governor to proclaim the 'Bluff and Invercargill' and 'Oreti' Railways as provided by section 9 of the 'Immigration and Public Works Act, 1873,' and section 13 of the 'Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870.'

Assessments, Tuturau Hundred.—On motion of the Hon. Dr. Menzies, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return showing the Assessments collected in the Tuturau Hundred since January 1870—in each year and by whom paid—the amount not collected in each year and from whom due—the amounts refunded for expenditure each year—to whom and for what purpose given—and the amount of arrears now due to the Wardens.

Petition re Road Popotunoa to Mataura.—On motion of the Hon. Dr. Menzies, *Resolved*—That the Petition praying for improvements on the road from Popotunoa to Mataura, be referred to the favourable consideration of the Provincial Government.

Assessments, Toi Toi Hundred.—On motion of the Hon. Dr. Menzies, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return showing the Assessments collected in the Toi Toi Hundred since January, 1870—in each year, and by whom paid—the amount not collected in each year, and from whom due—the amounts refunded for expenditure each year—to whom, and for what purpose given—and the amount of arrears now due to the Wardens.

Costs of Survey.—On motion of the Hon. Dr. Menzies, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return of all the costs of Survey to Applicants for Land from 1st May, 1872, to 31st March, 1874.

Telegraph Line from Riverton to Orepuki and Otautau.—Mr. Daniel moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to urge upon the General Government the necessity for extending the Telegraph line from Riverton to Orepuki, and Riverton to Otautau, with as little delay as possible.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 13.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ de Lautour
 „ Fish
 „ Hazlett
 „ Ireland
 „ Kinross

Mr. McKellar
 „ Reeves
 „ Shand
 „ Wilson
 „ Cumming } Tellers.
 „ Daniel }

NOES, 10.

Mr. Clark (H.)
 „ Davie
 „ Henderson
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies

Mr. McGlashan
 „ Reid
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Allan } Tellers.
 „ Mollison }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Cattle Ordinances.—On motion of Mr. Green, *Ordered*—That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into all matters connected with the administration of the Cattle Ordinance, 1864, and the Cattle Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1869, and other Ordinances bearing on the subject, with power to call for persons and papers and to report; such Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Hon. Dr. Menzies, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Stout, Mr. Sumpter, and the Mover.

Letting of Contracts.—Mr. Kinross moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that as soon as practicable after the Government has arrived at a decision as to letting any contract exceeding Fifty Pounds, the District Engineer in the district where the work is situated be informed by telegram of the name of the successful tenderer.

Mr. Sumpter moved—That the Question be amended by the insertion of the words “and newspapers” after the words “District Engineer.”

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—it passed in the Negative.

Mr. McGlashan moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words :—“And that the names of successful and unsuccessful tenderers, with the amount of tenders, be advertised in the Provincial Government *Gazette*.”

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—it passed in the Negative.

Then the original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Immigrants' Bills.—On motion of Mr. Daniel, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table a Memo. of all Immigrants' Bills due, over due, and coming due,* showing the date of maturity of each, and by whom accepted and endorsed.

Bluff Railway Station.—On motion of Mr. Fish, *Resolved*—That the Government be requested to instruct the Railway authorities at the Bluff to provide a truck for the conveyance of passenger's luggage to the Railway Station, upon the arrival of steamers at that Port.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at thirty-two minutes past three o'clock, p.m., adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., on Monday next.

Monday, May 11, 1874.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

(1.) Petition of 110 Inhabitants of Wakatip District against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr R. Clarke.]

(2.) Petition of 488 Inhabitants of Invercargill and neighbourhood against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Wilson.]

*The words “and coming due,” were rescinded on Motion of Mr. Wood, May 12.

(3.) Petition of 297 Inhabitants of Invercargill and neighbourhood against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Wilson.]

(4.) Petition of 94 Inhabitants of Oteramika against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Kinross.]

5. Petition of 104 Residents of Naseby against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. De Lautour.]

(6.) Petition of Thomas Grundy, late Inspector of depasturing Licenses, Lawrence, praying for inquiry into the grounds of his dismissal from the Government Service.—[By Mr. J. C. Brown.]

(7.) Petition of 84 Owners of land and others in the Crookston and Tuapeka Districts, praying that additional land be opened for settlement in said districts.—[By Mr. J. C. Brown.]

(8.) Petition of 42 Residents in the Cardrona and Wanaka Districts, praying that a dray road be formed between Cardrona and Arrow Flat.—[By Mr. M'Kellar.]

(9.) Petition of 902 Residents in the Southland District, praying that all the unsold Agricultural land as recently classified in said District, including the unsold land in existing Hundreds be reserved for occupation under the deferred payment system.—[By Mr. Lumsden.]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions were given, for next sitting by Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. Fish, Mr. M'Glashan, Mr. Sumpter (2), Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. H. Clark (2), Mr. M'Kellar, and by Mr. Green; for Wednesday next, by Mr. de Lautour.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting by Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Wood (2), Mr. Lumsden, Mr. Fish (2), Mr. Wilson (2), Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. de Lautour, Mr. Kinross, Secretary for Lands and Works, Mr. Stout, Mr. Sumpter, and by Mr. Bastings (2); for Committee of Supply, by Mr. Wilson, and by Mr. de Lautour.

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

(1.) Maps referred to in the Roads Diversion Bill: together with addition to Schedule of said Bill.

(2.) Report on the Otago Harbour Department for 1873-4.—(*Appendix*, page 83.)

(3.) Letter from the Chancellor of the Otago University respecting University Buildings and site.—(See *Appendix*.)

(4.) Memorial (to Superintendent) from Eleven Miners at Clark's Diggings, Mount Burster, praying for the opening of a public channel at the said diggings.

Gold Fields Committee.—Mr. Bastings brought up—Interim Reports, Nos. 1 and 2 from the Gold Fields Committee, viz.: No. 1, *in re*. Petition of 29 Residents of Blacks, Tinkers, and Drybread; and No. 2, *in re*. Petition of 33 Householdors and Parents of Families residing in Naseby.—(See *Appendix*.)

Imprest Supply Bill.—*Message No. 5*, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE NO. 5.

The Superintendent, with the advice and consent of his Executive Council, herewith transmits to the Provincial Council, Imprest Supply Bill, 1874, and recommends an appropriation of the Revenue accordingly.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Government Offices, 11th May, 1874.

On motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873—Introduction Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873, Introduction Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

QUESTIONS.

Land for Deferred Payments, Plans of.—Mr. Wood asked the Secretary for Lands and Works—

Whether the Government will be prepared at an early date to lay on the Table, plans shewing the situations of the various blocks composing the sixty thousand acres of land intended for application on deferred payments, and referred to in His Honor's Address; also, plans shewing the situation and acreage of additional blocks of land suitable for the above purpose, to be dealt with in a similar manner in the event of the Waste Lands Act of 1872 being so amended as to admit of such action being taken?

The Secretary for Lands answered—The Government expect to be in a position to lay on the Table at an early date plans of the blocks proposed to be taken during the present year, but will not be able to submit plans or proposals as regards any additional blocks.

Opening up of Seaward Bush.—Mr. Kinross asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps towards opening up Seaward Bush by constructing a Branch Railway through it, connecting with the Bluff Harbour and Invercargill Railway; and whether any proposals have been made to effect this by private enterprise; and if so, whether they have been agreed to, wholly, or in part, and on what conditions?

The Provincial Secretary answered—I am unable to state at present whether it is the intention of Government to proceed with this Railway during the present year. Proposals were made in regard to its construction, but not agreed to. There will be no objection to lay such proposals upon the Table.

Railway, Lawrence to Roxburgh.—Mr. McKellar asked the Secretary for Works—What steps were taken during the recess *in re* proceeding with the extension of the Railway from Lawrence to Roxburgh simultaneously with the construction of the Tokomairiro-Lawrence line?

The Provincial Secretary answered—The only step taken in regard to this Railway, that I am aware of, was the passing of a Bill through the House of Representatives, recommending that it should be proceeded with, and setting apart land as security for its construction—which Bill, however, was not passed by the Legislative Council.

Conveyance of Prisoners by Railway.—Mr. Fish drew the attention of the Government to the practice now prevailing of sending prisoners of the Crown to Port Chalmers in railway carriages attached to others in which the general public travel, and asked if it intended to continue the practice?

The Provincial Secretary answered—I cannot say that it is the intention of Government to discontinue the practice, but the Government will discountenance it as much as possible.

MOTIONS.

Award in re William Waddell.—Mr. Wood moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council it is advisable to abide by the verdict and award made on the 10th February, 1874, by the District Court of Western Otago in the matter of William Waddell versus His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, and that the appeal against such verdict and award be at once withdrawn.

Question by leave withdrawn.

Petition re Land, Popotunoa and adjoining Districts.—Mr. McNeil moved, and the Question was proposed—That, with the view of giving effect to the prayer of 64 inhabitants of Popotunoa and adjoining districts, a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that a portion—say, 5000 acres—on Run 78, lying enclosed by the following boundaries—viz., on the south and west by the Waipahi Stream, adjoining Run 102. on the north by the ranges, and on the east by Run 90; also an area of say 5000 acres on Run 90, bounded on the east and south by the Main South Road, on the west by boundary of said Run, and on the north by the boundary of Hundreds—be set apart for sale under the system of Deferred Payments.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Ordered*—That this Debate be now adjourned until the whole Question as to the various blocks to be set apart is under consideration.

Site for Town Hall, Balclutha. On motion of Mr. McNeil, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 15, block 6, Balclutha, be set apart as a site for a Town Hall in Balclutha.

Railway to Kingston.—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Resolved*—That this Council is of opinion that, to render the Bluff Harbour and Invercargill and Winton to Kingston Railway more fully reproductive, it is necessary that the line of Railway to Kingston should be completed without delay; and respectfully requests His Honor the Superintendent to urge upon the General Assembly and General Government the expediency of completing the line as soon as possible.

Occupation of Land on Deferred Payments.—On motion of Mr. Kinross, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that there be laid upon the Table of this Council, the opinion of the Provincial Solicitor as to whether the licensee of an allotment under the deferred system of payment must reside personally thereon to comply with the conditions imposed by the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," or whether the employment by the licensee of another person to reside on his allotment shall be deemed sufficient proof that he personally occupies such allotment.

Separate Schools for Boys and Girls, Petition respecting.—On motion of Mr. Lumsden, *Resolved*—That the Petition of a number of residents of Invercargill, recommending the establishment of separate Schools for Boys' and Girls, presented to the Council on the 7th instant, be referred to the Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Papakaio Railway Reserve Sale Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Papakaio Railway Reserve Sale Bill was read a second time and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: To substitute the following:—"It shall be lawful for the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of his Executive Council, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to sell the said parcel of land comprised in the said recited Crown Grant, or any part thereof, either altogether or in lots, by public auction, and either upon terms of giving credit for the whole or any part of the purchase money, or otherwise, and subject to such conditions as the Superintendent may determine.—[*Provincial Secretary.*]

Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 read and agreed to.

Title and Preamble read and agreed to.

The Council resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.

Council Resumed.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Roads Diversion Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Roads Diversion Bill was read a second time, and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 to 8 read and agreed to.

Schedule considered—

Sections 1 to 11 read and agreed to.

Section 12: sub-section 1 read and agreed to; sub-section 2 withdrawn.

Section 13 postponed.

Sections 14 and 15 read and agreed to.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at thirty-five minutes past four o'clock, p.m., adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., the following day.

Tuesday, May 12, 1874.—(Two o'Clock p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

- (1.) Petition of 410 Inhabitants of Tokomairiro against the running of Sunday trains.—
[By Mr. H. Clark.]
- (2.) Petition of 102 Inhabitants of Kaitangata and Inch-Clutha against the running of Sunday trains.—[By Mr. H. Clark.]
- (3.) Petition of the Roxburgh Land Committee, praying for the opening of a block of land on Henderson's Run, Miller's Flat, for settlement under the deferred payment system.—
[By Mr. Ireland.]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Fish (3), Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Sumpter, Mr. de Lautour, and by Mr. Reeves.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given for next sitting by Mr. Sumpter, Mr. Cumming (3), Mr. de Lautour, Mr. Ireland, and by Mr. Daniel; for Thursday next, by Mr. Reeves.

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

- (1.) Report by the Chief Surveyor on Deferred Payment Block, Run 111 (M'Nab's), being Return to an Order of the Council on motion of Mr. M'Kenzie, May 6. (See *Appendix*.)
- (2.) Progress Report on the Oamaru Harbor Works by the Engineer. (See *Appendix*.)
- (3.) Petition (to Superintendent) of 50 residents and ratepayers in the Wakari sub-division of the Half-Way Bush Road District, praying that steps be taken to constitute the said sub-division a separate and independent Road District.
- (4.) Petition (to Superintendent) of 47 inhabitants of the district of Toi Tois and those interested therein, praying for the construction of a Jetty at the Port of Fortrose, and improvements of the Roads in the said district.

Unauthorised Expenditure.—The Speaker called the attention of the Council to the fact that section 13 of the Provincial Audit Act, 1866, which required that a Statement of Unauthorised Expenditure, with the relative Special Orders, should be transmitted to the Speaker of the Provincial Council within one week of the commencement of the Session, had not been complied with.

New River Harbour Board Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table, the New River Harbour Board Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Friday next.

QUESTIONS.

Annual Balance Sheet.—Mr. J. C. Brown asked the Provincial Treasurer—If it is intended to lay before the Council the usual Annual Balance Sheet; and if so, when?

The Provincial Treasurer answered—(1.) Yes. (2.) As soon as it can be completed; probably in the course of next week.

Land Sale, Tapanui District.—Mr. Fish asked the Government—Whether the statement made in a sub-leader in the *Otago Guardian* of Friday last, to the effect that the late Government purchased, at the request of certain residents in the Tapanui district, three sections of land, and that through the member for Oamaru country (Dr. Webster), then Secretary for Lands, the necessary deposit was not paid; and that, as a result, the land in question was subsequently purchased at about a third of its value, as ascertained by the price said land realised at auction?

Dr. Webster answered—The Government, at the instance of the Tapanui Progress Committee, resolved to reserve the land in question; but, finding they could not do so, agreed to buy it in. The Warden was accordingly instructed to bid for it at the sale; but, owing to an omission or oversight, the necessary voucher for payment of the deposit was not made out in time, and consequently the sale was not effected.

Immigrants per Asia.—Mr. M'Glashan asked the Provincial Secretary—What truth there is in the statement which appeared in the *Evening Star* of Saturday last, in reference to the male and female immigrants per Asia?

The Provincial Secretary answered to the effect that the statement referred to was an exaggerated one, and that a very small proportion of the immigrants were ineligible.

Petition of William Williamson.—Mr. Sumpter asked the Provincial Secretary—What steps have been taken by the Government in reference to the Petition of William Williamson, which was referred last Session to the favorable consideration of the Government?

Dr. Webster answered—At the close of last Session, the Petition was taken charge of by His Honor the Superintendent, who endeavoured to induce the Colonial Government to grant some recompense to the Petitioner, and introduce a measure in the matter of water rights. He was, however, unsuccessful. It is hoped something will be done this year.

Crown Grants.—Mr. Sumpter asked the Provincial Secretary—Why the resolution as to an annual publication of list of unclaimed Crown Grants has not been given effect to?

The Provincial Secretary answered—The Government has but little control over this department, but will take steps to have the list published in accordance with the resolution.

Mail Steamer "Cyphrenes."—Mr. M'Dermid asked the Government—(1) Whether it is aware that the "Cyphrenes" was only one and a-half hours at Port Chalmers on her last visit? (2) Does it regard this state of things as satisfactory? (3) If not, has it taken any measures, or does it intend to take any, to have the evil remedied?

The Provincial Treasurer answered—(1) Yes. (2) No. (3) The Government will direct the attention of the General Government to the fact.

Reserve for Tokomairiro Farmers' Club.—Mr. H. Clark asked the Government—"Whether any application has been made by the Tokomairiro Farmers' Club for the issue of a title for four acres of land in the Police Paddock, Tokomairiro, granted by vote of this Council to that body? If so, has the request been granted or refused: if refused, on what grounds?"

The Provincial Secretary answered—I am not aware whether application has been made for this land, but it is the intention of Government to grant it, in accordance with the resolution; and it is proposed to do so, by Ordinance, this Session.

Land Proclaimed on Bellamy Run.—Mr. H. Clark ask the Government—"If any, and what, action has been taken in the matter of land proclaimed on Bellamy Run, and which formed the ground of an action in the Supreme Court, and ultimately in the Appeal Court, where the case was decided in favor of the Government?"

The Provincial Secretary answered—After the decision of this case in the Appeal Court it was carried to the Privy Council. The Government had decided that this case should decide many others, consequently other blocks besides this were locked up. Since the passing of the Act of 1872, however, the appeals have apparently been abandoned, and part of the land referred to dealt with. If not already opened up, the Council will be invited to deal with it this Session.

Extension of Lawrence line of Railway.—Mr. M'Kellar asked the Government—For further information with regard to the steps taken by the Government *in re* proceeding with the extension of Lawrence line of Railway, and to state whether they intend to take any action during this present year?

The Provincial Secretary answered—I am unable to give any information beyond that given yesterday.

Forest Ranger, Southland District.—Mr. Green asked the Government—If Duncan M'Arthur, Esq., Waste Lands Commissioner, is also a Forest Ranger in the Southland District, and if it is aware that the Rangers' reports from time to time have to be considered by the Waste Lands Board, of which that gentleman is a member?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the affirmative.

MOTIONS.

Immigrants' Bills.—Mr. Daniel moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the balance of passage money due to the Government by assisted immigrants with families, who have resided three years and upwards within the Province, be cancelled; and that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to give effect to this resolution.

A Debate ensued.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted—

AYES, 5.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ de Lautour
 „ Wilson

Mr. Clarke (R.) } Tellers.
 „ Daniel

NOES, 22.

Mr. Allan
 „ Davie
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. Mollison
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Glashan
 „ M'Kellar
 „ M'Neil

Mr. Reid
 Hon. Mr. Reynolds
 Mr. Roberts
 „ Stout
 „ Sumpter
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Turton
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wood
 „ Clark (H.) } Tellers.
 „ Green

So it passed in the Negative.

Passenger Traffic on Southland Railways.—Mr. Wood moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable in order to encourage Passenger Traffic on the Southland (Otago) Railways that the present rate of charges be reduced.

Question by leave withdrawn.

Waste Lands and Immigration Committee.—Mr. C. Brown moved, and the Question was proposed—That a Waste Lands and Immigration Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. De Lautour, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Reeves, Mr. M'Kenzie, Dr. Webster, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, &c., and to whom all matters and petitions on land and immigration shall be referred. Committee to report from time to time.

Mr. Mollison required the Committee to be elected by Ballot, in accordance with Standing Order No. 95.

The Question being put, without the names of the proposed Committee, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Ballot being forthwith taken, resulted in the election of Mr. Speaker, Mr. de Lautour, Mr. Kinross, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Reeves, and Dr. Webster: these, together with the Mover (Mr. J. C. Brown), were therefore declared members of the Committee, in accordance with the Order.

Catlin's and Glenomaru Districts' Petition.—On motion of Mr. Henderson, *Resolved*—That the Petition of electors, land-owners, and residents of Catlin's and Glenomaru Districts be referred to the favourable consideration of the Government.

Land disposed of on Deferred Payments.—On motion of Mr. Wood, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return to date, shewing the acreage of all land disposed of on deferred payments, the blocks on which such lands are situated, and the date on which each block was thrown open for application.

Immigrants' Bills, Return of.—On motion of Mr. Wood, *Resolved*—That the words [“ and coming due,” in Motion for Return respecting Immigrants' Bills, as carried by this Council on Friday last, be rescinded.

Site for Gas Works, Invercargill.—Mr. Lumsden moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to reserve as a site for Gas Works in the Town of Invercargill, all that piece or parcel of land forming part of the Esplanade on the western side of that town, being by admeasurement four acres; bounded towards the east by the Oreti Railway Reserve, eight hundred links, the said line of railway at this point bearing 35 $^{\circ}$ 36' min.; on the north side by a line bearing due west, four hundred and sixty links; on the west by a line bearing due south, eight hundred links; and on the south by a line bearing due east, five hundred and forty links, to the point of commencement, the said point being on a true and direct line with the frontage of the north side of Spey-street, town of Invercargill, and with the western side line of the Oreti Railway Reserve, both as aforesaid.

Mr. Fish moved—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The Question of Adjournment being put, it passed in the Negative.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Pastoral Leases.—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return shewing the dates upon which all the Pastoral Leases in the Province will expire, and the acreage of each Run, together with the names of the lessees.

Question by leave withdrawn.

Petition from New River District.—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Resolved*—That the Petition of Settlers of the New River District, praying for improvements on the Main North Road, northward from Wallacetown, be referred to the favourable consideration of the Provincial Government.

Railway, Bluff Harbour to Invercargill and Winton.—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Resolved*—That, in the opinion of this Council, the main line of Railway from Bluff Harbor to Invercargill and Winton should be considered as a part of the Colonial Railway System, as provided by the Immigration and Public Works Act; that the Province should be credited with the cost of construction or value of said Railway; that the amount of the cost of construction, or value thereof, should be handed over by the General Government to the Provincial Government, and appropriated to the construction of branch lines of railway, as feeders to main lines; and that His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to take such steps as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Revenue from and Expenditure in Electoral Districts.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return shewing, as nearly as possible, the amount of Revenue derived from, and the amount of Expenditure effected in each Electoral District of this Province, up to the end of the last financial year.

Mr. M'Kenzie moved—That the Question be amended by omitting the words "up to the end of the last financial year," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "during the last financial year."

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return shewing, as nearly as possible, the amount of Revenue derived from, and the amount of Expenditure effected in each Electoral District of this Province during the last financial year.

Gold Export Duty.—On motion of Mr. de Lautour, *Resolved*—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is advisable that the export duty on Gold should be reduced sixpence per ounce.

Light Railways.—On motion of Mr. Kinross, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that there be laid upon the Table of this Council, as early as convenient, a Statement of the terms and conditions upon which the contracts for the construction of the Orepuki Railway, the Otautau Railway, the Wallacetown to Riverton Railway, and the Waireka Railway have been let; and also the Provincial Engineer's Report of the cost of completing these Railways.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Papakaio Railway Reserve Sale Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Papakaio Railway Reserve Sale Bill was read a third time and passed.

Imprest Supply Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Imprest Supply Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate ensued.

Mr. Fish moved—That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question of adjournment by leave withdrawn.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed, and being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time and passed.

Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873, Introduction Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873, Introduction Bill was read a second time and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read; and the Question being put—That this Clause stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 18.

Mr. Allan
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ de Lautour
 „ Hazlett
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 „ M'Dermid
 „ Oliver
 Hon. Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Roberts
 „ Shand
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Fish } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

NOES, 4.

Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kenzie

Mr. Green } Tellers.
 „ Sumpter }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Council resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Council Resumed.

Unauthorised Expenditure.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Letter from the Provincial Auditor, transmitting the Special Orders issued since last Session of the Council. (See *Appendix*.)

MOTIONS.

The Orders of the Day being disposed of, Motions were resumed.

Otago University Building and Site.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands and Works, *Resolved*—That this Council concurs in the proposal to erect a suitable building for the Otago University, upon the land known as the old Cemetery Reserve, and approves of an area of not exceeding eight acres, upon such Reserve, being appropriated accordingly.

Maerewhenua.—On motion of Mr. Sumpter, *Resolved*—That, in the absence of a Survey Office, the Mining Association at Maerewhenua be furnished with an Official Map of the District, showing clearly freehold and leasehold land, also what land is now under the Gold Fields Proclamation, and that any alteration be duly communicated to the said Association.

Petition from Blacks, Tinkers, and Drybread.—On motion of Mr. Bastings, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that 2,500 acres of land on the Run of Mr. Glassford be thrown open for settlement on the deferred payment system as recommended by the Gold Fields Committee in their Report [Interim No. 1] on the petition of 29 Residents of Blacks, Tinkers and Drybread,

Petition re Naseby Recreation Reserve.—On motion of Mr. Bastings, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the Naseby Recreation Reserve, less the two chains required for mining purposes, be vested in the Corporation of Naseby for recreation purposes, in compliance with the Report [Interim No. 2] of the Gold Fields Committee on the Petition of 33 Householdors and parents of Families residing in the said town of Naseby.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at fifteen minutes past nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the following day.

Wednesday, May 13, 1874.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received:—

(1.) Petition of the Mayor and Town Councillors of Naseby, praying for the survey of a line of Railway from Palmerston to Clyde.—[By Mr. De Lautour.]

(2.) Petition of 72 Inhabitants of Blueskin against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Green.]

(3.) Petition of 49 Inhabitants of Waitahuna against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Reid.]

(4.) Petition of 52 Inhabitants of Manuka Creek against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Reid.]

(5.) Petition of 416 Inhabitants of Invercargill, for the abolition of the Tolls levied on the Oreti Bridge, or transfer of said Bridge to the Makarewa Road Board.—[By Mr. Daniel.]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions were given for next sitting by Mr. Sumpter and Mr. Hazlett.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given for next sitting by the Provincial Secretary, Mr. Bastings, and by Mr. Sumpter; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. de Lautour, and by Mr. M'Kellar.

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

(1.) Proposals made to Government in reference to the construction of a line of Railway through Seaward Bush.

(2.) Correspondence relative to Reserves made at the last Session of the Council.

(3.) Return of Reserves in the City of Dunedin for which Crown Grants have been issued, showing the purposes for which they were reserved, the uses to which they are at present applied, and the authority for any deviation from those purposes. Ordered on motion of Hon. Major Richardson. July 10, 1873. (See Appendix.)

Dunedin School Site Bill.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table, the Dunedin School Site Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Lunatic Asylum, &c.—Message No. 6, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced, and read as follows:—

MESSAGE NO. 6.

The Superintendent submits to the Provincial Council the following proposals, with which he ventures to hope the Council will concur:—1st. That the Police Paddock, Tokomairiro, would, in the meantime, be a suitable site for a farm in connection with the Lunatic Asylum; and that in order to enhance its future value, immediate steps should be taken to fence said paddock, and to surround it with a belt of forest trees, by means of the labor of the inmates of the Asylum. 2nd. That it is expedient to reserve from sale 500 acres adjacent to the line of railway between Clinton and Mataura, or between Tokomairiro and Lawrence, with a view of the Asylum being ultimately located there. 3rd. That a separate establishment be provided for the care of inebriates; and that the Colonial Legislature be applied to, with a view to provision being made for the legal committal to such establishment of confirmed drunkards.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

13th May, 1874.

QUESTIONS.

Naseby Recreation Reserve.—Mr. de Lautour asked the Government—Whether it will be prepared in accordance with the Interim Report of the Goldfield's Committee to bring in a Bill to vest the Recreation Reserve at Naseby in the Municipal Council of that borough.

The Provincial Secretary answered in the affirmative.

Immigration Agent.—Mr. Fish asked the Government—Whether it intends to recommend the Council to authorise the employment of an Immigration Agent to proceed to England and Ireland for the purpose of selecting suitable immigrants for the Province?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the negative, and stated that a gentleman had recently been appointed to proceed to the Home Country as Emigration Agent, whose sphere of operations was not limited to any particular part of the United Kingdom.

Appointment of Mr. James Adam.—Mr. Fish asked the Government—Whether it has any objection to lay upon the Table all papers and correspondence relating to the appointment of Mr. James Adam as Immigration Agent for this Province?

The Provincial Secretary answered—The Papers will be laid upon the Table forthwith.

Dunedin Hospital.—Mr. Fish asked the Government—Whether it intends to introduce any resolutions this session, having for their object the opening (under certain conditions) of the Dunedin Hospital to the medical profession?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the negative.

Shag Valley Petition.—Mr. M'Kenzie asked the Secretary for Lands—Why the Resolution of this Council of July 10th, 1873, recommending the Government to grant the prayer of a Petition from settlers in the Shag Valley District has not been given effect to, and what necessity there was for selling the land referred to in that petition?

The Provincial Secretary answered—The land in question not having been set aside by specific resolution of the Council, remained under the operation of the Land Act, and application having been made for it, was sold in the usual way.

Awamoko Railway.—Mr. Sumpter asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether it is the intention of the Government to have the rails at once put down on the Awamoko Railway?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the affirmative.

Mining operations under the Gold Fields Regulations.—Mr. de Lautour asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to certain action at law having been taken to interfere with the pursuance of the orderly working, under the Goldfields Act of 1866 and regulations framed thereunder, of certain gold mines above the Maerewhenua River; and whether the Government intends to take any steps to defend the miners in the enjoyment of rights maintained according to the provisions of the above Act and Regulations, by license fees duly paid to the provincial revenue for such undisturbed enjoyment?

The Provincial Secretary answered—The attention of Government has been drawn to this matter, and though the Government cannot see its way to take steps to defend the miners, it will use its best endeavours to get both parties to agree to a case being stated, and sent at once to the Court of Appeal, without litigation at Dunedin, and will be prepared to bear the expense of stating such case.

Volunteer Land Certificates.—Mr. Reeves asked the Government—Why the Volunteers who have become entitled to their Land certificates have not received them?

The Provincial Secretary answered—The Council did not comply with the provisions of the second section of the Volunteer Land Act, 1865, by passing a resolution recommending that certain grants should be given.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873, Introduction Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873, Introduction Bill, was resumed in Committee.

In Committee.

Preamble read. Amendment proposed: To add the words “and the Town of Port Chalmers.”—[*Mr. M'Dermid.*]

Amendment agreed to.

A further Amendment proposed: To add the words, “and all incorporated Towns in the Province.”—[*Mr. Green.*]

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—the Committee divided:—

AYES, 5.

Mr. Clark (H.)
 „ Daniel
 „ M'Kellar

Mr. Green }
 „ M'Dermid } Tellers.

NOES, 26.

Mr. Allan
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Cumming
 „ Davie
 „ de Lautour
 „ Gillies
 „ Haggitt
 „ Hazlett
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Kinross
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr Mollison

Mr. Oliver
 „ Reid
 Hon. Mr. Reynolds
 Mr. Roberts
 „ Rogers
 „ Sumpter
 „ Tolmie
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Reeves } Tellers.
 „ Lumsden }

So it passed in the Negative.

Preamble, as amended, agreed to.

Title read. Amendment proposed : To insert after the word “ Dunedin” the words “ and the Town of Port Chalmers.”—[*Mr. M'Dermid.*]

Motion made, and Question proposed—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.—[*Mr. Green.*]

The Question being put—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair,—the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 8.

Mr. Clark (H.)
 „ Daniel
 „ de Lautour
 „ Hazlett

Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ Green } Tellers.
 „ Sumpter }

NOES, 19.

Mr. Allan
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Davie
 „ Haggitt
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 „ Mollison
 „ M'Dermid
 „ Oliver
 „ Reid

Hon. Mr. Reynolds
 Mr. Roberts
 „ Rogers
 „ Tolmie
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wood
 „ Fish } Tellers.
 „ Reeves }

So it passed in the Negative.

Amendment proposed to Title agreed to.

Title as amended agreed to.

The Council resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Council Resumed.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Roads Diversion Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Roads Diversion Bill was resumed in Committee.

In Committee.

Consideration of Schedule resumed.

Postponed section 13 read and agreed to.

Additional sections proposed—viz., 16, Aparima Road District; 17, Blueskin Road District; 18 Tokomairiro Road District.—[*Mr. Reid.*]

Additional sections agreed to as proposed.

Preamble and Title read and agreed to.

The Council resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Council Resumed.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

MOTIONS.

Riverton Harbour.—On motion of Mr. Daniel, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, respectfully requesting him to take such steps as to him may seem advisable to procure the report of a competent engineer as to the probable cost of effecting improvements and deepening the entrance of the Harbour at Riverton.

Expenditure of Vote, "Oamaru to Lindis."—On motion of Mr. Sumpter, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return in detail of all monies expended out of the vote, "Oamaru to Lindis," between the Maerewhenua and Lindis rivers to 31st March last. Also the number of times that portion of the road has been visited and reported on by a Government Surveyor.

License Fee for Sale of Powder and Shot.—On motion of Mr. Cumming, *Resolved*—That on account of the rabbits having increased to such a degree in many parts of this Province as to render it necessary to encourage every available means for checking their further increase, in the opinion of this Council, the usual license fee of one shilling charged on the sale of every pound of powder and ten pounds of shot, should be discontinued in this Province.

Extermination of Rabbits.—On motion of Mr. Cumming, *Resolved*—That in the opinion of this Council, the Government should be asked to bring in a Bill this Session to enable Road Boards to levy a special rate to be expended in exterminating rabbits wherever they are found to be injurious to a district.

Import Duty on Powder and Shot.—On motion of Mr. Cumming, *Resolved*—That this Council regards with alarm the rapidly increasing difficulty of dealing with the suppression of rabbits in many parts of this Colony, and is of opinion that it would be advisable that a recommendation should be forwarded to the General Government that the import duty on powder and shot should be removed.

Water Rights.—On motion of Mr. de Lautour, *Resolved*—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the Gold Fields Committee take into consideration the advisability of a recommendation being forwarded to the General Government to the effect—That it is desirable that a Commission should be appointed to enquire into the whole question of water rights in New Zealand, more especially on the Gold Fields of the said Colony—and that they be requested to report thereon to this Council within ten days.

Settlement on Runs 199 and 369.—On motion of Mr. Ireland, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a copy of all correspondence with Messrs. Cargill and Anderson, or their legal advisers, in reference to the opening of Blocks of Land for settlement on their Runs Nos. 199 and 369, together with a copy of any contract or agreement in existence bearing upon this subject be laid upon the Table of this Council.

Stewart Island, Vaccination Officer for.—On motion of Mr. Daniel, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to draw the attention of the General Government to the urgent necessity that exists for a medical officer being appointed to make periodical visits to Stewart Island for vaccination purposes.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at fifteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the following day.

Thursday, May 14, 1874.—(Two o'Clock p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

(1.) Petition of 75 Residents and others in the districts traversed by the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, praying that up and down trains be run at earlier and later hours than at present.—[By Mr. Davie.]

(2.) Petition of James Cooper, agricultural leaseholder in the Shotover District, praying for redress of grievances in the matter of a certain road line passing through Petitioner's leasehold property.—[By Mr. R. Clarke.]

(3.) Petition of 147 Inhabitants of Wairuna and Waiwera against the running of Sunday trains.—[By Mr. M'Neil.]

(4.) Petition of 235 Inhabitants of Green Island against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Roberts.]

(5.) Petition of 16 settlers and ratepayers in the Winton sub-division of the Makarewa Road District, praying for such an alteration in the boundaries of the Makarewa and Lindhurst Road Districts, as will include the Petitioners in the Mabel sub-division of the Lindhurst Road District.—[By Mr. Kinross.]

(6.) Petition of 337 Inhabitants of the Otepopo District against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Teschemaker.]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions were given for next sitting by Mr. Ireland (3).

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given for next sitting, by Mr. H. Clark, Mr. Davie, and by Mr. M'Dermid; for Monday next, by Mr. Wood; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. de Lautour, on behalf of Mr. Daniel.

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Report of the officer appointed to make borings of the Otago Harbour. (See *Appendix*.)

QUESTIONS.

Block of Land at Tiger Hill, Run 223.—Mr. Hazlett asked the Secretary for Lands—If the Government will lay upon the Table, the Correspondence that took place between the runholder or any other person and the Government, that led to the exchange of part of a block of land, formerly opened on the Agricultural Lease system, at Tiger Hill (Run No. 223).

The Provincial Secretary answered in the affirmative.

Maerewhenua Township and Bridge.—Mr. Sumpter asked the Provincial Secretary—Why the Resolutions in reference to laying off a Township at Maerewhenua, and erection of a Bridge across the Maerewhenua River at the terminus of the Awamoko Railway, have not been given effect to?

The Provincial Secretary answered—(1) The survey staff was inadequate to undertake all the work devolving upon it during the recess; but a surveyor, if not already on the ground, will be there shortly for the purpose of laying off this township. (2) It was found, in reference to the Bridge, that no sum was available out of the £5000 set apart for such works.

MOTIONS.

Mining Engineer.—On motion of Mr. Reeves, *Resolved*—That in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the services of an experienced Mining Engineer or Inspector be secured for the Province.

Executive Council—Want of Confidence.—Mr. Bastings moved, and the Question was proposed—That the composition of the present Executive, and the Land policy enunciated by it, do not command the confidence of this Council.

A Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by reason of the adjournment at half-past five o'clock, p.m.

(SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.)

Orders of the Day Postponed.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, *Ordered*—That the Orders of the Day be postponed until next sitting.

Want of Confidence.—Interrupted Debate resumed on the Question—That the composition of the present Executive, and the Land Policy enunciated by it, do not command the confidence of this Council.—[Mr. Bastings.]

The Council having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning,

FRIDAY, MAY 15.

Debate continued.

Motion made and Question proposed—That this Debate be now adjourned.—(*Mr. Ireland.*)

The Question of adjournment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Debate continued.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 17.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)		Mr. M'Glashan	
„ Browne (G. F. C.)		„ M'Kenzie	
„ Clark (H.)		„ Oliver	
„ Clarke (R.)		„ Reeves	
„ de Lautour		„ Sumpter	
„ Green		„ Turton	
„ Hazlett		„ Bastings	} Tellers.
„ Ireland		„ Fish	
„ M'Dermid			

NOES, 24.

Mr. Allan		Hon. Mr. Reynolds	
„ Daniel		Mr. Roberts	
„ Davie		„ Rogers	
„ Haggitt		„ Shand	
„ Henderson		„ Teschemaker	
„ Kinross		„ Tolmie	
„ Lumsden		„ Turnbull	
Hon. Dr. Menzies		Dr. Webster	
Mr. Mollison		Mr. Wilson	
„ M'Kellar		„ Wood	
„ M'Lean		„ Reid	} Tellers.
„ M'Neil		„ Stout	

So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.—And the Council having continued to sit until fifteen minutes past two o'clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Provincial Secretary, adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., the same day.

Friday, May 15, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

(1.) Petition of 219 Inhabitants of Waikouaiti, against the running of Sunday Trains.—*[By Mr. M'Kenzie.]*

(2.) Petition of 305 Inhabitants of Port Chalmers, against the running of Sunday Trains.—*[By Mr. M'Dermid.]*

(3.) Petition of George Daniels (late a Wardsman in the Dunedin Hospital), for favorable consideration, on account of his having, whilst in the discharge of his duties as Wardsman, contracted serious illness, such as to incapacitate him for active service.—*[By Mr. Fish.]*

(4.) Petition of 28 Residents of Hyde, for the opening of an additional block of land under the Deferred Payment System.—*[By Mr. de Lautour.]*

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. de Lautour (2) and by Mr. M'Kellar.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting by Mr. Green, the Provincial Secretary, Mr. Fish, and by Mr. Bastings; for Tuesday next, by Mr. M'Dermid; for when the Roads Ordinance Amendment Bill is under consideration, by Mr. Kinross.

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Report of the Council of the Otago University for 1873-4. (See *Appendix*.)

Gold Fields Committee.—Mr. Bastings brought up—Interim Report No. 3, from the Gold Fields Committee, *in re* Petition of 131 Residents of Mount Ida. (See *Appendix*.)

Castle Street Diversion Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table, the Castle Street Diversion Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

QUESTIONS.

Captain Logan's Freehold.—Mr. Ireland asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether any steps have been taken on the part of the Government to re-purchase from Captain Logan a portion of his freehold known to be payably auriferous?

The Provincial Secretary answered—Steps were taken to purchase the privilege of mining on the land referred to, but the Government could not see its way to pay the sum required.

Bible Reading in Schools.—Mr. Ireland asked the Government—Whether it is intended to amend the Education Ordinance in so far as it relates to the Reading of the Bible in Schools receiving State aid?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the negative.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873, Introduction Bill.—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873, Introduction Bill, *Ordered*—That the words “and the Town of Port Chalmers” be inserted after the word “Dunedin,” line 3, of clause 2.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Green moved—That the Question be amended by omitting the word “now,” and adding thereto “this day six months.”

The Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and passed.

Roads Diversion Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Roads Diversion Bill was read a third time and passed.

Dunedin School Site Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Dunedin School Site Bill was read a second time, committed, and being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

New River Harbour Board Bill.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the New River Harbour Board Bill was postponed until next sitting.

MOTIONS.

Lunatic Asylum, Reply to Message No. 6.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That this Council concurs in the recommendation contained in His Honor's Message No. 6, (see page 28), and recommends that the necessary steps be taken to give effect thereto.

Opinion re Powers of Waste Lands Board.—On behalf of Mr. H. Clark, Mr. Green moved, and the Question was proposed—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that any opinion obtained by the Government for themselves, or for the Waste Lands Board, on the question of the powers of the Board under clause 35 of the Waste Lands Act, 1872, to reserve ‘any lands’ be laid upon the Table.

Question by leave withdrawn, and notice given of the same for Tuesday next.

Petition re Early and Late Trains.—Mr. Davie moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Petition of the owners of property in, and residents in, the district through which the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway passes, be referred to the Government, with the recommendation that in the opinion of this Council the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

The Hon. Mr. Reynolds moved—That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after “Government,” and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words “for its favourable consideration.”

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That the Petition of the owners of property in, and resident in, the district through which the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway passes be referred to the Government for its favourable consideration.

Select Committee on Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway.—Mr. M'Dermid moved, and the Question was proposed—That extension of time till Tuesday next be granted to the Select Committee on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway for reporting its proceedings to the Council.

Mr. Mollison moved—That the Question be amended by substituting “Wednesday” for “Tuesday.”

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That extension of time till Wednesday next be granted to the Select Committee on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, for reporting its proceedings to the Council.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Council, at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock, p.m., adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., on Monday next.

Monday, May 18, 1874.—(Two o'Clock p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

(1.) Petition of 667 Inhabitants of the Oamaru District against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. M'Lean.]

(2.) Petition of 346 Inhabitants of the Taieri District against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Allan.]

(3.) Petition of 85 Inhabitants of Riverton District against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Cumming.]

(4.) Petition of 64 Settlers and others in Shag Valley District, praying for the opening of land for settlement in said district.—[By Mr. M'Kenzie.]

(5.) Petition of 58 Settlers of Makarewa, praying for improvements on the Main North Road through Makarewa.—[By Mr. Wilson.]

(6.) Petition of John Mitchell, setting forth that the land purchased by him in Southland District has become overrun with rabbits to his serious loss, and praying for an exchange of an equal area elsewhere.—[By Mr. Wilson.]

(7.) Petition of Hori Karei Taiaroa, alleging that rent is due to him on account of the Native Reserve at Port Chalmers, and praying for inquiry into the matter.—[By Mr. Daniel.]

(8.) Petition of 92 Residents in Hyde and vicinity for the erection of a light traffic Bridge over the Taieri River, between Macraes and Hyde.—[By Mr. de Lantour.]

Notice of Question.—Notice of Question for next sitting was given by Mr. R. Clarke.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting by Mr. Cumming, Mr. J. C.

Brown, Mr. Fish, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wood, Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. G. F. C. Browne, the Provincial Secretary (4), and by Mr. Daniel ; for Thursday next, by Mr. Fish.

Dunedin City Council Borrowing Powers Extension Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table, the Dunedin City Council Borrowing Powers Extension Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

Papers.—The Provincial Treasurer laid upon the Table—

(1.) Correspondence relating to the Proclamation of Hundreds proposed during the 32nd Session of the Provincial Council. (See *Appendix.*)

(2.) Return of unsold land in Hundreds, Southland District, ordered on motion of Mr. Lumsden, April 30. (See *Appendix.*)

(3.) Report by Dr. Coughtrey on the sanitary condition of Cromwell, and the causes of the Epidemic. (See *Appendix.*)

Private Petitions Committee.—The Hon. Dr. Menzies brought up—Interim Report No. 1, from the Private Petitions Committee, *in re* Petition of John and Norman Campbell. (See *Appendix.*)

Hundreds.—Messages Nos. 7 and 8, from His Honor the Superintendent, recommending proclamation of Hundreds, were introduced and read as follows :—

MESSAGE No. 7.

The Superintendent desires the co-operation of the Provincial Council in recommending His Excellency the Governor to proclaim four new Hundreds, to be named respectively, Tuapeka, Lee Stream, Dunback, and Caddon Hundreds, comprising together an area of fifty-one thousand (51,000) acres, as more particularly set forth in the descriptions of boundaries attached hereto.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Dunedin, 18th May, 1874.

(ENCLOSURES.)

Tuapeka Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago in the colony of New Zealand containing by estimation fifteen thousand (15,000) acres, more or less, situate in Tuapeka West District, being Block numbered IV and parts of Blocks numbered respectively one (1) two (2) five (5) and seven (7) on the map of the said district: bounded towards the north by parts of Blocks numbered respectively I and II twenty eight thousand seven hundred (28,700) links, by other part of Block numbered II ten thousand four hundred (10,400) links, also by Block numbered III three thousand (3000) links, towards the east by other part of the said Block II six thousand seven hundred (6,700) links, by Block numbered III seven thousand (7000) links, by Block numbered VI twenty eight thousand (28,000) links, also by other parts of Blocks numbered respectively II and V thirty-five thousand (35,000) links, towards the south by other part of the said Block numbered V thirteen thousand four hundred (13,400) links, by part of Block numbered II seven thousand four hundred and thirty (7,430) links, also by other part of Block numbered VII twenty-eight thousand (28,000) links, and towards the west by the Clutha River forty six thousand (46,000) links, also by other parts of the said Blocks numbered respectively II and V thirty five thousand (35,000) links, and comprised in Runs numbered respectively 123 and 137.

Lee Stream Hundred.

Comprises all that area in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation twenty thousand (20,000) acres, more or less, situate in the South Eastern Pastoral District, being part of Runs numbered respectively one hundred and eighty-five (185), two hundred and sixty (260), and two hundred and fifty-four (254), on the map of the said District, bounded towards the south-west by Lee Stream, commencing at Pre-emptive Right on Run numbered 48, and proceeding in a north-western direction, forty-eight thousand (48,000) links; thence by a straight line in a north-easterly direction to a point one chain north of Deep Stream, thirty-eight thousand nine hundred (38,900) links; towards the north-east by a line running parallel to Deep Stream, at a distance of one chain from its north bank, twenty-eight thousand (28,000) links; then by a straight line in a south-easterly direction, twenty-three thousand eight hundred (23,800) links; thence by a line in a south-westerly direction, thirty-six thousand five hundred (36,500) links, to the starting point.

Caddon Hundred.

Comprises all that area in the Province of Otago, and Colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation ten thousand (10,000) acres, more or less, situate in the South-Eastern Pastoral District, being parts of Runs numbered respectively one hundred and sixty-one (161) and seventy-four (74) on the map of the said District: bounded on the north by the Wyndham River; on the west by the Mokoreta Hundred; on the south-west by a line running in a south-easterly direction, skirting the edge of the Tautuku Forest; and on the east by a line running due north and south, to include the required acreage of ten thousand (10,000) acres, exclusive of pre-emptive right.

Dunback Hundred.

Comprises all that area in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation six thousand (6,000) acres, more or less, situate in the North-Eastern Pastoral District, being parts of Runs numbered respectively eighty (80) and one hundred and nine (109) on the map of the said District: bounded towards the north-east by sections numbered respectively 9, 27, 28, 29, 32, 35, and 37, Dunback District; thence in a southerly direction along M'Cormick's Creek; thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of section numbered 35, block VIII., Moeraki District, to the Hawksbury Hundred; thence along the boundary of the Hawksbury Hundred, in a south-westerly direction, to a line bearing $137^{\circ} 15'$ from Trigonometrical Station K; thence along that line to M'Cormick's Creek, and along that Creek in a westerly direction to a line bearing $47^{\circ} 15'$ from station K; thence along that line to station K; thence by a line bearing $137^{\circ} 15'$ in a north-westerly direction to section numbered 1, block 3, Dunback District; thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of the said section 1, and the northern boundary of section 2, to section numbered 9, Dunback District.

MESSAGE No. 8.

The Superintendent desires the co-operation of the Provincial Council in recommending His Excellency the Governor to proclaim further Hundreds, to be named respectively, Kaiwera, Herriot, Otaria, Waipahi, and Kuriwao Hundreds, containing in all an area of seventy-nine thousand six hundred (79,600) acres, as more particularly set forth in the descriptions of boundaries attached hereto.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Dunedin, 18th May, 1874.

(ENCLOSURES.)

Kaiwera Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago in the Colony of New Zealand containing by estimation ten thousand five hundred (10,500) acres, more or less, situate in the South-Eastern Pastoral District being part of Run numbered one hundred and thirty two (part 132) on the map of the said district: bounded towards the north by Run numbered 131 eighteen thousand eight hundred (18,800) links, towards the east by the Kaiwera Stream sixty-two thousand (62,000) links, towards the south by the Kaiwera Stream, to a point in a line due south of the eastern boundary of the Waiariki Hundred thirty-nine thousand (39,000) links and towards the west by that line and the Waiariki Hundred to Run numbered 131 forty-one thousand (41,000) links be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Herriot Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation twenty thousand (20,000) acres, more or less, situate in the South-Eastern Pastoral District, being parts of Runs numbered respectively one hundred and sixty-three (163), one hundred and seventy-eight (178), and two hundred and twelve (212) on the map of the said district: bounded by a line commencing at Trigonometrical Station Q, Greenvale District, and proceeding due north to Spylaw Creek, thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) links; thence in an easterly direction along that creek to a point due north of Trigonometrical Station N, Crookston District, ninety-nine thousand (99,000) links; thence due south to road line on leading ridge near the said Station N, eight thousand four hundred (8,400) links; thence in a south-westerly direction along that road line and the main road to a point due north of Trigonometrical Station T, Crookston District, eighteen thousand five hundred (18,500) links; thence due south to the said Station T forty thousand three hundred (40,300) links; thence in a north-westerly direction along the boundary of Crookston District fifteen thousand four hundred (15,400) links; thence due west along the northern boundary of the said Crookston Hundred to the western boundary of block V., Greenvale District, forty-seven thousand one hundred (47,100) links; thence along the western boundary of the said block V. in a northerly direction, three thousand five hundred (3,500) links; thence by a straight line in a north-easterly direction, twenty-three thousand three hundred (23,300) links to Station Q, the starting point, be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Otaria Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, containing by estimation twenty thousand (20,000) acres, more or less, situate in the South-Eastern Pastoral District, being Run numbered one hundred and two (102) on the map of the said district: bounded towards the north-west by Runs numbered respectively 131 and 132 forty-four thousand (44,000) links; towards the north-east by Runs numbered respectively 78A and 90, seven hundred and twenty thousand (720,000) links; towards the south-east by Run numbered 258, thirty-three thousand five hundred (33,500) links; and towards the south-west by Run numbered 132, sixty-six thousand (66,000) links, be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Waipahi Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation fourteen thousand five hundred (14,500) acres, more or less, situate in the South-Eastern Pastoral District, being Run numbered seventy-eight A (78A) on the map of the said district: bounded towards the north-east by the Wairuna Hundred from its southern corner and proceeding in a north-westerly direction twenty-seven thousand two hundred (27,200) links; thence by a line due north along the western boundary of Wairuna Hundred sixteen thousand two hundred (16,200) links; thence by a line due west along the southern boundary of block VII., Waipahi District, seventeen thousand (17,000) links; thence by a line due north along the eastern boundary of block XIII. Waipahi District seven thousand three hundred (7,300) links; thence by a line due west through the said block XIII. to the

Waipahi River, twelve thousand eight hundred (12,800) links; thence along that river, in a south-westerly direction nineteen thousand one hundred (19,100) links; thence along that river in a south-easterly direction seven hundred and ninety thousand (790,000) links to Run 90; thence along the north-western boundary of Run 90 to the starting point thirty-eight thousand five hundred (38,500) links, be all the aforesaid linkages, more or less.

Kuriwao Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, containing by estimation fourteen thousand six hundred (14,600) acres, more or less, situate in the South-Eastern Pastoral District, being parts of Runs numbered respectively twenty-four A (24A) and ninety (90) on the map of the said district bounded: by a line commencing at the Three Stones and proceeding due west to the Waipahi River fifty thousand (50,000) links thence along that river in a northerly direction to the south-eastern boundary of Run 78A thirty-three thousand (33,000) links; thence along the said boundary of Run 78A in a north-easterly direction to the Popotunoa Hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred (38,500) links; thence in a south-easterly direction along the boundary of the said Popotunoa Hundred fifty-two thousand (52,000) links to Waiwera Dome; thence by a straight line in a south-westerly direction eight thousand (8,000) links, to the starting point, be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Deferred Payment Blocks.—*Message No. 9*, from His Honor the Superintendent, recommending Deferred Payment Blocks, was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE No. 9.

The Superintendent submits, for the consideration of the Provincial Council, the desirability of setting aside the blocks of land described in the Schedule attached hereto for settlement on deferred payments, as provided by the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872."

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Dunedin, 18th May, 1874.

[For Schedule referred to, see *Appendix* page 106—paper entitled—"Memoranda by Chief Surveyor on Hundreds and Deferred Payment Blocks proposed for the Year 1874."]

Light Railways.—*Message No. 10*, from His Honor the Superintendent, recommending the construction of Light Railways, was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE No. 10.

The Superintendent submits for consideration to the Provincial Council the expediency of enabling the Government to proceed with the construction of the following light lines of Railway, viz:—

Waipahi to Tapanui;
Main Trunk to Kaitangata and Coal Point;
Main Trunk to Outram;
Palmerston to Waihemo;
Orepuki extension to Waiau;
Tokomairiro Branch to Coal Field;
Lawrence to Roxburgh;
Otautau extension to Night Cap Coal Field;
From main line through Seaward Bush.

Annexed hereto is an approximate estimate of the probable cost of the proposed lines, also a statement of the lines already authorised and contracted for, from which it will be seen that upwards of half-a-million of money will be required to defray the cost of the whole.

The Superintendent therefore proposes that application be made to the General Assembly, at its next Session, for authority to raise a loan, not to exceed £500,000, for the construction of the aforesaid works; and that an area of acres of land be set aside as special security for the repayment of such loan: the land so set aside as security to be dealt with in every respect, and disposed of in terms of the provisions of the Otago Waste Lands Act, and the proceeds of sale or lease to be paid into a separate account to be applied towards payment of interest on said loan, and to the repayment of one-twentieth in each year of the principal sum.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Dunedin, 18th May, 1874.

(ENCLOSURES.)

Lines proposed to be undertaken during the current year as recommended by resolution of Provincial Council Session 1873-4:—

Line.	Length in miles.	Amount.	Remarks.
Waipahi to Tapanui	13½	£32,000 0 0	} Total cost ready for Rolling Stock.
Main Trunk to Kaitangata and Extension to Coal Point	10	27,750 0 0	
Main Line to Outram	4	12,000 0 0	
Palmerston to Waihemo	10	25,000 0 0	

Proposed additional Lines, complete ready for Rolling Stock:—

Line.	Length in miles.	Amount.	Remarks.
Extension of Orepuki to Waiau ...	14	£50,000 0 0	} This would open the Waiau country. Reported upon previously.
Tokomairiro Branch Railway ...	5	14,000 0 0	
Lawrence to Teviot	40	125,000 0 0	} Including Bridge over Clutha River. Will completely open up coal field.
Extension of Otautau line to Night Cap Coal Field	15	40,000 0 0	
From main line through Seaward Bush	10	20,000 0 0	

Lines contracted for:—

Line.	Length in miles.	Amount.	Remarks.
Awamoko, North Otago Loan ...	21½	£25,000 0 0	} Contract let for £7,300. Contract in preparation for remainder of vote.
Green Island	2½	5,800 0 0	
Orepuki	7½	28,397 9 0	} Complete, ready for rolling stock.
Otautau	17½	37,104 0 0	
Waiareka	15	45,000 19 0	
Otautau line to Makarewa...	13	32,080 8 0	

QUESTIONS.

Road between Moa Flat Station and Woolshed.—Mr. Ireland asked the Government—Whether the portion of road running between Mr. Clarke's Moa Flat Station and his Woolshed, and which formed part of the Main Road from Teviot to Tapanui and Switzers, has been closed by authority of this Council?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the negative, stating that the road in question not being a "public road," did not require any authority for closing it.

Telegraph and Post Office Station, St. Bathans.—Mr. de Lautour asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether the Government will take into consideration the advisability of altering the proposed site for a Telegraph and Post Office Station to the lower end of the St. Bathans Township, in accordance with the expressed wish of the inhabitants?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the affirmative, and stated that if the proposed alteration were found to be desirable, the Government would forward a recommendation to the Colonial Government, with whom the matter solely rested.

Court House, Naseby.—Mr. de Lautour asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether the Government will take any steps to obtain the £300 voted by the General Assembly last Session, for a Court House at Naseby; and whether the Government will take into its consideration the advisability of recommending the Council to vote a supplementary sum sufficient to erect a suitable building?

The Provincial Secretary answered—(1) The Superintendent communicated with the Colonial Government in April last, pointing out that the sum of £300 was insufficient, and asking for authority to expend £500 on this building; but no reply has yet been received. (2) It is not the intention of Government to ask this Council for a supplementary vote, inasmuch as it is considered to be the duty of the General Government to erect proper buildings.

Reserves passed last Session.—Mr. McKellar asked the Provincial Solicitor—To give some information as to the reason why the Reserves passed last Session by this Council have not been sanctioned by the General Government; and what action is intended to be taken by the Government in reference to said Reserves?

The Provincial Solicitor answered—No further reason can be given than that contained in the Correspondence on the Table—viz., that they were “contrary to law.” The Colonial Government will be urged to sanction the reserves, and to explain more fully their reasons for their refusal.

MOTIONS.

Otago Harbour Improvements.—Mr. Stout moved, and the Question was proposed—1st. That, in the opinion of this Council, in order to provide for the effective management and improvement of the Otago Harbour, a Harbour Trust should be formed.

2nd. That such Trust should have, *inter alia*, the following powers:—

- (a) All the powers that may be granted by any Ordinance of the Provincial Council, under the authority of ‘The Harbour Boards Act, 1870.’
- (b) Authority to borrow a sum not exceeding £250,000 for the purposes of the said Trust.
- (c) Authority to reclaim land, raise embankments, and form docks.
- (d) Authority to issue debentures.

3rd. That 100 acres of land reclaimed, or to be reclaimed, should be set aside for the purposes of the said Trust.

4th. That the said land so set aside, should be used as security for the money to be borrowed by the said Trust.

5th. That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take such steps as are requisite to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

A Debate ensued.

Motion made, and Question proposed—That this Debate be now adjourned.—[*Mr. G. F. C. Browne.*]

The Question of adjournment being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 13.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Green
 „ Hazlett
 „ Ireland

Mr. M’Kellar
 „ M’Kenzie
 „ Oliver
 „ Wilson
 „ Fish
 „ M’Dermid } Tellers.

NOES, 20.

Mr. Allan
 „ Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ de Lautour
 „ Haggitt
 „ Kinross
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M’Glashan
 „ M’Lean

Mr. M’Neil
 „ Reeves
 „ Reid
 „ Roberts
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Tolmie
 „ Turnbull
 „ Wood
 Hon. Mr. Reynolds } Tellers.
 Mr. Stout

So it passed in the Negative.

Debate continued.

On motion of Mr. Davie, *Ordered*—That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next.

Debate adjourned accordingly.

Stewart Island.—Mr. Wood moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council, Stewart Island should be included in one of the Electoral Districts of the Province, and that the Government should at once bring in a Bill to effect that purpose.

A Debate ensued.

Notice being taken that 16 members (one-third of the Council) were not present, as required by Standing Order No. 18, the Council was counted by order of Mr. Speaker, and it

still appearing that 16 members were not present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the Council to the usual hour the next day, without a Question first put, and the Question under consideration lapsed.

Time.—Thirteen minutes past five o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bastings, Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. Daniel, Mr. de Lautour, Mr. Fish, Mr. Green, Mr. Hazlett, Mr. Ireland, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Reid, Mr. Wood, Mr. R. Clarke.

Tuesday, May 19, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. *Minutes* read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received:—

(1.) Petition of George Smith (contractor), alleging that the Waste Lands Board of Southland District had placed undue restrictions on him in the matter of his license to cut forest timber for Railway sleepers, and that, in consequence, his contract deposit had become forfeited, and praying for redress.—[*By Hon. Mr. Reynolds.*]

(2.) Petition of Thomas Brown, setting forth a similar grievance to that of George Smith and praying for redress.—[*By Hon. Mr. Reynolds.*]

(3.) Petition of 56 residents and land-holders in the Waitahuna West and adjacent districts, praying that a competent Engineer be instructed to lay off the best line of road as means of communication between Waitahuna West and Lawrence.—[*By Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

(4.) Petition of 8 members of the Mount Benger Progress Committee, praying that the extension of the Railway from Lawrence up the valley of the Molyneux River be made concurrently with the construction of the line from Tokomairiro to Lawrence.—[*By Mr. Ireland.*]

(5.) Petition of 231 inhabitants of the Wakatipu District, setting forth that the Forest Regulations recently issued by the Waste Lands Board are unsuited to the requirements of the said district, and praying for a modification thereof.—[*By Mr. Hallenstein.*]

(6.) Petition of 160 residents in Town of Herbert and Otepopo District, praying that suitable building accommodation be provided for a Public Library in the said district.—[*By Mr. Teschemaker.*]

(7.) Petition of 80 Residents of Moeraki against the running of Sunday Trains.—[*Mr. Teschemaker.*]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions were given, for next sitting by Mr. M'Lean; for Thursday next, by Hon. Dr. Menzies.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting by Mr. Fish, Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. Wood, Mr. R. Clarke, and by Mr. Hallenstein; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. de Lautour.

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

(1.) Correspondence relating to the appointment of Mr. James Adam as Emigration Agent for this Province.—(See *Appendix*).

(2.) Final Report of Dunedin "Sub-Committee appointed to circulate information with reference to deepening the Upper Harbour."

Private Petitions Committee.—The Hon. Dr. Menzies brought up—Interim Reports Nos. 2 and 3, from the Private Petitions Committee, viz., No. 2, Hugh M'Fadyen; No. 3, James Sandison.—(See *Appendix*.)

Port Chalmers Railway.—Mr. M'Dermid brought up—Report of, and Evidence taken by the Select Committee on Port Chalmers Railway.

Ordered.—That the said Report, together with the Evidence, be printed forthwith. (See *Appendix*, page 116.)

Bills.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—The Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinances Amendment Bill, and the Otago Dock Trust Ordinance, 1865, Repeal Bill, which were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for next sitting.

The Provincial Solicitor also laid upon the Table—the Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Oamaru Harbour Works.—*Message No. 11*, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows :—

MESSAGE NO. 11.

The Superintendent solicits the consideration of the Provincial Council to the accompanying Correspondence (See *Appendix.*) relative to the Harbour Works at Oamaru, and the necessity of providing wharfage accommodation in connection therewith.

He feels assured that it must be gratifying to the Council to know that the protective works which were sanctioned some years ago at Oamaru have, so far as they have gone, proved a success, and that the construction of a breakwater, which will secure a safe anchorage, as well as wharfage accommodation for shipping at that port, is no longer a matter of doubtful speculation. The measure of its advantages may now be reckoned by the extent to which it is carried out. It is proposed to extend the breakwater some distance beyond the limits of the present contract, and to provide wharfage accommodation for the loading and discharging of vessels of considerable tonnage, to which end it will be necessary to expend a further sum of not exceeding £50,000.

With a view to give effect to this proposal, a Bill will be submitted to the Provincial Council, having for its object the incorporating of the Oamaru Dock Board into a Harbour Trust, in terms of the "Harbour Boards Act, 1870." The property at present held by the Dock Board, estimated to realise at least £1,000 a year, will be vested in the Harbour Trust, which will also be empowered to levy harbour and tonnage dues, which two sources combined will, it is estimated, afford ample provision wherewith to cover the interest and sinking fund of a loan of £50,000. In order that this money may be more readily obtained and raised upon the lowest terms, it is proposed that, in addition to the security of the revenue of the Harbour Trust, there shall be the collateral security of the revenue of the Province, in consideration of which, the Provincial Government shall have the power, until the liability of the Province ceases, of regulating the tonnage dues.

Particular attention is called to the fact that the existing landing and shipping charges at Oamaru (charges which the proposed works will do away with) would, at 5 per cent., cover the interest of four times the amount required for the works in question.

It is evident, therefore, even assuming the trade of Oamaru not to exceed its present dimensions, that the Province is perfectly warranted in acceding to the course now indicated.

Looking at the impetus which will be imparted to the export trade of Oamaru by the proposed facilities of shipment, the Superintendent is of opinion that not only will the Province run no possible risk by giving the required guarantee, but the whole Colony will participate in the advantage which must accrue from the increased development of the resources of one of its richest districts—resources which cannot otherwise be fully developed.

The Superintendent, therefore, strongly recommends the foregoing proposals to the favourable consideration of the Provincial Council.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Dunedin, 19th May, 1874.

QUESTIONS.

Return of Mineral Leases.—Mr. R. Clarke asked the Provincial Secretary—Why the information in reference to Mineral Leases, which was asked for by motion carried by this Council nearly a fortnight back, has not been granted—and when it will be?

The Provincial Secretary answered—The Wardens have been communicated with to supply the information required, and as soon as received, it will be laid upon the Table.

MOTIONS.

Inspector of Forests.—Mr. Green moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council it is undesirable and incompatible with the proper discharge of the duties pertaining to the office of Forest Inspector that any person holding such office should continue to be a member of the Waste Lands Board of Southland.

Motion made, and Question proposed—That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday next.—[*Hon. Mr. Reynolds.*]

The Question of adjournment being put, it passed in the Negative.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Quarry Reserve, Tokomairiro.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement four (4) acres two (2) roods and five (5) poles, more or less, situate in Tokomairiro District, being section numbered fourteen (14), block thirty-seven (37), on the map of the said district bounded towards the north-west by part of section numbered 7, four hundred and fifty (450) links; towards the north-east by section numbered 8, one thousand one hundred and twenty-two (1122) links; towards the south by a road line, one hundred and fifty-eight (158) links; towards the south-east by a road line, three hundred and sixty-five (365) links; and towards the south-west by part of section numbered 7, one thousand (1000) links, be set apart as a Reserve for a Quarry.

Treasury Department.—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed—That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into all matters connected with the Treasury Department, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report within seven days; such Committee to be elected by ballot.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 11.

Mr. Bastings
 „ Brown (J. C.)
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ de Lautour
 „ M'Dermid

Mr. M'Kenzie
 „ M'Neil
 „ Wilson
 „ Fish } Tellers.
 „ Green }

NOES, 19.

Mr. Allan
 „ Cumming
 „ Davie
 „ Ireland
 „ Kinross
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Lean
 „ Reid

Mr. Rogers
 „ Stout
 „ Sumpter
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Tolmie
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wood
 „ Mollison } Tellers.
 Hon. Mr. Reynolds }

So it passed in the Negative.

Petition from Mount Ida re Land.—On motion of Mr. Bastings, *Resolved*—That, with the view of giving effect to the Report [Interim, No. 3] of the Gold Fields Committee on the Petition of 131 residents of Mount Ida, a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a suitable block of land be opened for settlement near the line of traffic; and recommending that the Government should leave the selection of blocks of land to the Warden or District Land Officer, and at least two other persons, to be selected in the district, one of whom shall be the member for the district.

Opinion re Powers of Waste Lands Board.—Mr. H. Clark moved, and the Question was proposed—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that any opinion obtained by the Government for themselves, or for the Waste Lands Board, on the question of the powers of the Board, under clause 35 of the Waste Lands Act, 1872, to reserve “any lands,” be laid upon the Table.

Question by leave withdrawn.

Thistle Ordinance.—Mr. Cumming moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Government be requested to cause the Thistle Ordinance to be put in force in all that portion of Otago included in the late Province of Southland.

Question by leave withdrawn.

Maps at Land Offices.—Mr. Brown moved, and the Question was proposed—That for the Public convenience the Government be requested to cause Lithographic Maps to be posted on the walls in each Land Office within the Province of Otago, showing all lands open for sale or lease in the respective Districts where such Land Office is situated: Also indicating the sections reserved from sale, sold, or leased, by distinctive colours on the sections so dealt with.

The Provincial Secretary moved—That the Question be amended by the insertion of the words “whenever practicable” after the word “cause.”

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tenders for Light Railways.—On motion of Mr. Fish, *Ordered*—That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the acceptance—by the late Executive—of tenders for the construction of the light Railways, and also all circumstances in connection with the expenditure of money on road, Tokomairiro to Lawrence: Such Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), the Hon. Dr. Menzies, Messrs. Davie, Green, Oliver, Roberts, and the mover, and to have power to call for persons and papers, and report.

Land Sale, Shag Valley.—On motion of Mr. M'Kenzie, *Resolved*—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the Waste Lands Committee should enquire into the sale of 3,000 acres of land in the Shag Valley District to Colonel Kitchener and F. D. Rich, in July, 1873, contrary to the Petition of settlers in the district, and a Resolution of this Council dated July 10, 1873.

Petition from Settlers of Makarewa.—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Resolved*—That the Petition of settlers of the Makarewa, New River, and Forest Hill Districts, praying for improvements on the North Road from the Junction Hotel, Waikiwi, towards Forest Hill, be referred to the favourable consideration of the Government.

Reserve for Caledonian Society, Invercargill.—Mr. Wood moved, and the Question was proposed—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that three acres of land, being sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, block 40, Town of Invercargill, be reserved from sale, and set apart for the use of the Caledonian Society of that town and district.

Mr. Wilson moved—That the Question be amended by omitting the words “for the use of the Caledonian Society,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “as a Recreation Reserve for the public use of the inhabitants.”

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 12.

Mr. Daniel		Mr. M'Neil	
„ Davie		„ Rogers	
„ Kinross		„ Stout	
„ Lumsden		Dr. Webster	
„ Mollison		Hon. Dr. Menzies	} Tellers.
„ M'Lean		Mr. Wood	

NOES, 15.

Mr. Allan		Mr. Ireland	
„ Bastings		„ M'Dermid	
„ Browne (G. F. C.)		„ M'Kenzie	
„ Clark (H.)		„ Sumpter	
„ Clarke (R.)		„ Wilson	
„ Fish		Hon. Mr. Reynolds	} Tellers.
„ Green		Mr. Teschemaker	
„ Hazlett			

So it passed in the Negative. Words omitted accordingly.

And the Question being put—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that three acres of land, being sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, block 40, Town of Invercargill, be reserved from sale, and set apart as a Recreation Reserve for the public use of the Inhabitants of that town and district.

Incendiarism.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will cause the offer of reward for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the persons guilty of Incendiarism—as published in the Provincial Government *Gazette* of the 13th instant—to be published in the local newspapers of the districts in which the fires occurred, and also in the *Witness* and *Southern Mercury* newspapers.

Question by leave withdrawn.

Agricultural Leases.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in consequence of a large amount of land being taken up under the Agricultural Lease Regulations on the Gold Fields (under the dummy system), in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that an officer be at once appointed to see that the Regulations are complied with—viz, that the holders of the different sections shall cultivate not less than one-eighth, and fence not less than one-half of the section so taken up within twelve months after the commencement of the term.

Mr. Bastings moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word, "That," with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the following:—"To enforce the Regulations under the agricultural lease and deferred payment system, and prevent 'dummyism,' it is necessary that an officer be appointed to see that the conditions imposed are complied with."

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question so amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Oamaru Harbour Works.—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That whereas it is desirable that the Oamaru Harbour Works should be completed with as little delay as possible, and that the Oamaru Harbour Board should be authorised to raise a loan for that purpose on the most favourable terms, *Resolved*—That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to introduce a Bill into the General Assembly at its next Session, to enable the Oamaru Harbour Board to raise a loan of not exceeding £50,000, for the purpose of completing the Oamaru Harbour Works, and for otherwise improving the Harbour. The charges on such loan to be defrayed out of harbour dues and proceeds of property now vested in the Board, and to be contingently secured as a charge against the revenues of the Province; in which latter case, provision to be made in the Act authorising the loan whereby, in the event of the receipts from the harbour dues and other revenues of the Board being insufficient to defray the loan charges, the Superintendent shall be empowered to appoint a Receiver to collect the revenues, and shall thereafter, until the redemption of the loan, exercise all the functions of the said Harbour Board.

Debate interrupted by the adjournment at half-past five p.m.

(SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M., COUNCIL RESUMED.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

New River Harbour Board Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the New River Harbour Board Bill was read a second time and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed—To insert after the word "be," line 1, the words "and there is hereby constituted and appointed," and to omit the word "constituted," line 2.—[*Provincial Solicitor*.]

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 7 read and agreed to.

Clause 8 read. Amendment proposed—To omit the words “inclusive of the Mayor or other.”—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 28 read and agreed to.

Preamble and Title read and agreed to.

The Council resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.

Council Resumed.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Castle Street Diversion Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Castle Street Diversion Bill was postponed until next sitting.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Oamaru Harbour Works.—Interrupted Debate resumed on the Provincial Secretary's motion relative to Loan for Oamaru Harbour Works. (Page 45.)

The Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Petition of Inhabitants of Invercargill, re Bridge.—On motion of Mr. Daniel, *Resolved*—That the Petition of 416 Inhabitants of Invercargill, with regard to the Bridge over the New River, be referred to the favourable consideration of the Government.

Hundreds—Reply to Message No. 7.—The Secretary for Lands (Mr. Reid) moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council having had under its consideration His Honor's Message No. 7, approves of the proposals therein contained, and respectfully requests His Honor to recommend his Excellency the Governor to proclaim the several Hundreds therein named, within the boundaries therein described, in terms of the 96th Section of the “Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872.” (For Message No. 7, see page 36.)

A Debate ensued.

Mr. Wilson moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words:—“And that all lands in Hundreds referred to in said Message, before being proclaimed open for sale, should be protected for *bona fide* settlement by alternate sections under the system of deferred payments, so far as practicable.”

Debate continued.

On motion of Mr. Fish, *Ordered*—That this Debate be now adjourned until next sitting.

Debate adjourned accordingly.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock, p.m., adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., the following day.

Wednesday, May 20, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. *Minutes* read and confirmed.

Petition.—Mr. de Lautour presented a Petition from 105 Miners and others of Mount Ida, praying that the Naseby Recreation Reserve be opened for mining purposes. Petition received.

Notice of Question.—Notice of Question for next sitting was given by Mr. G. F. C. Browne.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. de Lautour and by Mr. Wood; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. Wood (2).

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Return of Land disposed of on the Deferred Payment System, ordered on motion of Mr. Wood, May 12. (See *Appendix.*)

Private Petitions Committee.—Mr. M'Dermid brought up Interim Reports Nos. 4 and 5, from the Private Petitions Committee, viz.:—No. 4, John Mitchell; and No. 5, Thomas Grundy. (See *Appendix.*)

Bills.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—The Clyde Corporation Borrowing Powers Extension Bill, and the Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871, Amendment Bill which were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for Friday next.

QUESTION.

Bridge over the Waitaki.—Mr. McLean asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether or not any communication has been received by the Government from the Provincial Government of Canterbury in reference to constructing an ordinary traffic bridge over the Waitaki River, and if such communication has been received, what action, if any, the Government has taken or intends taking in the matter?

The Provincial Secretary answered—A proposal has been received from the Superintendent of Canterbury, offering to bear half the cost of such a bridge, and a reply has been forwarded agreeing to the proposition, and stating that a sum will be placed on the Estimates for the purpose.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

New River Harbour Board Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the New River Harbour Board Bill was read a third time, and passed.

Castle Street Diversion Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Castle Street Diversion Bill was read a second time, and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 to 8 read and agreed to.

On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Council resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Council resumed.

Dunedin City Council Borrowing Powers Extension Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Dunedin City Council Borrowing Powers Extension Bill was read a second time, committed, and being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time and passed.

Otago Dock Trust Ordinance, 1865, Repeal Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Otago Dock Trust Ordinance, 1865, Repeal Bill was read a second time, committed, and being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time and passed.

Improvement of Otago Harbour.—Adjourned Debate resumed by Mr Davie on the Question—

- 1st. That, in the opinion of this Council, in order to provide for the effective management and improvement of the Otago Harbour, a Harbour Trust should be formed.
- 2nd. That such Trust should have, *inter alia*, the following powers:—
 - (a) All the powers that may be granted by any Ordinance of the Provincial Council, under the authority of "The Harbour Boards Act, 1870."
 - (b) Authority to borrow a sum not exceeding £250,000, for the purposes of the said Trust.
 - (c) Authority to reclaim land, raise embankments, and form docks.
 - (d) Authority to issue debentures.
- 3rd. That 100 acres of land reclaimed, or to be reclaimed, should be set aside for the purposes of the said Trust.
- 4th. That the said land so set aside, should be used as security for the money to be borrowed by the said Trust.
- 5th. That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take such steps as are requisite to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.—[*Provincial Solicitor—Mr. Stout.*]

Mr. Fish moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word, "That," with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the following:—"Whilst this Council recognises the desirability of improving the Upper and Lower Harbour, it is of opinion that there is not at present sufficient reliable data before it to justify the creation of the proposed Harbour Trust. That in order to obtain the best information the Government be requested to place such sum upon the Estimates as may be necessary to

enable them to employ an engineer of eminence with a view of making a complete survey of the harbour, and taking proper borings as suggested by the Provincial Engineer and to suggest a scheme, as a whole sufficiently comprehensive to meet the present and future requirements of the trade of the Province, and give an estimate of the cost of same—such report and estimate to be brought before this Council at its next Session with a view of then giving effect to the same.”

Debate continued.

Mr. Fish asked leave to withdraw his Amendment. Leave withheld.

Debate continued.

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 23.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Reeves
” Cumming	” Reid
” Daniel	Hon. Mr. Reynolds
” Driver	Mr. Roberts
” Henderson	” Sumpter
” Lumsden	” Teschemaker
Hon. Dr. Menzies	” Turnbull
Mr. Mollison	Dr. Webster
” M’Glashan	Mr. Wilson
” M’Kellar	” Davie } Tellers.
” M’Lean	” Stout }
” M’Neil	

NOES, 7.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)	Mr. Wood
” Hazlett	” de Lautour } Tellers.
” Kinross	” M’Dermid }
” Oliver	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Debate resumed on the original Question

Mr. J. C. Brown moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following—“6th, That such Trust should also have authority to levy such rates as shall provide a sufficient sum for the guaranteed interest upon loan.”

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be added, be so added, it passed in the Negative.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Hundreds—Reply to Message No. 7.—Adjourned Debate resumed by Mr. Fish on Question and Amendment as follow :—

Question—That this Council having had under its consideration His Honor’s Message No. 7, (see page 36) approves of the proposals therein contained, and respectfully requests His Honor to recommend his Excellency the Governorto proclaim the several Hundreds therein named, with the boundaries therein described, in terms of the 96th Section of the “Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872.”—[*Secretary for Lands.*]

Amendment—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words—“And that all lands in Hundreds referred to in said Message before being proclaimed open for sale, should be protected for *bona fide* settlement by alternate sections under the system of deferred payment so far as practicable.”—[*Mr. Wilson.*]

Debate continued.

Amendment by leave withdrawn.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

MOTIONS.

Hundreds—Reply to Message No. 8.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That this Council having considered His Honor’s Message No. 8, (see page 37) concurs in the proposals

therein contained, and respectfully requests His Honor the Superintendent to recommend His Excellency the Governor to proclaim the several Hundreds therein named, with the boundaries therein described, in terms of the 96th Section of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872."

Leasing portion of Gold Fields.—On motion of Mr. G. F. C. Browne, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that there be laid upon the Table, any Correspondence that may have taken place between Mr. W. Miller and the Government, with regard to leasing that portion of the Gold Fields adjoining Mount Stewart Hundred, also any Report bearing on the same subject.

Stewart Island.—Mr. Wood moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council, Stewart Island should be included in one of the Provincial Electoral Districts, and that the Government should at once bring in a Bill to effect that purpose.

Mr. Wilson moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Island," with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words "should be an Electoral District of the Province, returning one member to this Council, and that the Government should bring in a Bill to effect this purpose."

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. Reynolds moved the Amendment of the "Previous Question."

And the Question being put—That this Question be now put,—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question being forthwith put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 10.

Mr. Clarke (R.)	|	Dr. Webster	
„ Ireland	|	Mr. Wilson	
Hon. Dr. Menzies	|	„ Wood	
Mr. Reid	|	„ Daniel	} Tellers.
„ Tolmie	|	„ Stout	

NOES, 13.

Mr. Browne (G. F. C.)	|	Mr. Lumsden	
„ Clark (H.)	|	„ M'Kellar	
„ Cumming	|	„ M'Kenzie	
„ de Lautour	|	„ M'Neil	
„ Haggitt	|	„ Green	} Tellers.
„ Hazlett	|	Hon. Mr. Reynolds	
„ Henderson	|		

So it passed in the Negative.

Goldfields.—On motion of Mr. R. Clarke, *Resolved*—That the Gold Fields Committee be requested to consider in conjunction with the Gold Fields Bill, subject to His Honor's Message No. 2: The Report of the Gold Fields Delegation of 1871: The Report of the Miners' Conference held at Tuapeka in 1872: and the Report of the Miners' Conference held at Clyde in 1874: and to embody the result of their considerations in their Reports.

Petition from Wakatipu, re Forest Regulations.—On motion of Mr. M'Kellar (for Mr. Hallenstein), *Resolved*—That the Petition of Settlers in the Wakatipu District praying that the Forest Regulations recently issued by the Waste Lands Board may be modified so as to suit the Forests of the Wakatipu, be referred to the Government for their favourable consideration.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., the following day.

Thursday, May 21, 1874.—(Two o'Clock p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

(1.) Petition of 115 Inhabitants of Lawrence against the running of Sunday Trains.—
[By Mr. J. C. Brown.]

(2.) Petition of 264 Inhabitants of Palmerston against the running of Sunday Trains.—
[By Mr. M'Kenzie.]

(3.) Petition of 993 Inhabitants of Dunedin against the running of Sunday Trains.—
[By Mr. Turnbull.]

(4.) Petition of 60 Inhabitants of Winton against the running of Sunday Trains.—
[By Mr. Wilson.]

(5.) Petition of 119 Inhabitants of Riverton for favourable consideration of the case of Messrs. Gunn, Beer, and Harvey, late contractors for the Jacob's River Bridge.—[By Mr. Cumming.]

(6.) Petition of 15 Ratepayers in the Pine Hill Subdivision of the North-East Valley Road District, for readjustment of the boundaries of the Half-Way Bush Road District.—[By Mr. M'Glashan.]

(7.) Petition of 69 Inhabitants of Invercargill and Winton, praying that the Invercargill and Winton Railway be fenced in.—[By Mr. Wilson.]

Notice of Question.—Notice of Question, for next sitting, was given by Mr. R. Clarke.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions, for next sitting, were given by Mr. Bastings (2), Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. Hazlett, Mr. M'Glashan, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Teschemaker, Mr. Hallenstein, Mr. Ireland, The Provincial Secretary, Mr. Turnbull, and by Mr. Kinross.

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Correspondence relative to the alienation and exchange of portion of Messrs. Glassford Bros.' Run No. 223, at Tiger Hill, ordered on motion of Mr. Hazlett, May 14. (See *Appendix*.)

Private Petitions Committee.—The Hon Dr. Menzies brought up—Interim Reports Nos. 6, 7, and 8, from the Private Petitions Committee—viz., No. 6, William Latham; No. 7, Thomas Brown; and No. 8, George Smith. (See *Appendix*.)

Gold Fields Committee.—Mr. Bastings brought up—Interim Reports Nos. 4 and 5, from the Gold Fields Committee—viz., No. 4, *in re* Petition of Wm. Williamson, Manager Kakanui Water Race Company; No. 5, *in re* Petition (to Superintendent) from 11 Miners at Clarke's Diggings. (See *Appendix*.)

Waste Lands Committee.—Mr. J. C. Brown brought up—Interim Report No. 1, *in re* Petition of 64 Settlers in Shag Valley District, from the Waste Lands Committee. (See *Appendix*.)

Bills.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table, the Oamaru Rifle Range Reserve Management Bill, and the New River and Jacob's River Ferries' Reserves Leasing Bill, which were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for next sitting.

QUESTIONS.

Martin's Bay Track.—The Hon. Dr. Menzies asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether the track through the Hollyford Bush, leading from Mavora by the Greenstone Valley, to join the track from the head of Wakatipu to Martin's Bay, has been completed?

The Provincial Secretary answered—In the absence from Dunedin of the Provincial and District Engineers, I cannot answer the question definitely. The money voted last session has been dealt with as on previous occasions. Before the close of the session, a more definite answer may be given.

Bridges between Glenore and Manuka Creek.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Works—If it is the intention of the Government to cause the bridges between Glenore and Manuka Creek to be so altered as to render them safe for traffic?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the affirmative.

MOTIONS.

Railway from Waihemo to Clyde.—On motion of Mr. de Lautour, *Resolved*—That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that during the recess a flying survey be made of a line of railway from Waihemo to Clyde, through the Maniatoto Plains, the Ida Valley, and the Valley of the Manuherikia.

Site for Athenæum, Campbelltown.—On motion of Mr. Wood, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Section 3, Block 12, Campbelltown, be reserved from sale and set apart as a site on which to erect an Athenæum for the use of the inhabitants of that town and district.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinances Amendment Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinances Amendment Bill was read a second time, committed, and being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time and passed.

Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill was read a second time and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed—To insert after “demise,” line 2, the words “by public auction.”—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 7 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

Preamble read. Amendment proposed—To substitute for the words “the several,” line 6, the word “Educational,” and to omit all the words in line 7 and the word “Schedule” in line 8.—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

Amendment agreed to. Preamble as amended agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

On the Council resuming, the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Council Resumed.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Castle Street Diversion Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the consideration of the Castle Street Diversion Bill was resumed in Committee.

In Committee.

Schedule read. Amendment proposed—To substitute “XXIX,” for “XXX,” in lines 3, 5, and 6.—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

Amendment agreed to. Schedule as amended agreed to.

Preamble and Title read and agreed to.

On the Council resuming, the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Council Resumed.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Adjournment.—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow, at two o'clock p.m.

Mr. M'Dermid moved as an Amendment—That this Council do now adjourn until two o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

The Amendment being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 16.

Mr. Allan
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Hazlett
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Kellar

Mr. M'Kenzie
 „ M'Neil
 „ Stout
 „ Tolmie
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Brown (J. C.) } Tellers.
 „ Reid

NOES, 12.

Mr. Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ Davie
 „ de Lautour
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland

Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. Rogers
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Wilson
 „ Kinross } Tellers.
 „ Lumsden

So it was resolved in the Affirmative, and the Council accordingly, at fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, May 26, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

- (1.) Petition of 671 Inhabitants in the Southland District, praying that steps be taken with a view to the extermination of Rabbits in said district.—[By Mr. Cumming.]
- (2.) Petition of 127 Inhabitants of Mount Benger, against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Ireland.]
- (3.) Petition of 9 Inhabitants of Warepa, against the running of Sunday Trains.—[By Mr. Henderson.]
- (4.) Petition of 34 Farmers and Settlers of Arthur's Point and vicinity, praying that the approaches to the Bridge over the Shotover River known as the Arthur's Point Bridge, may be proceeded with without delay.—[By Mr. Hallenstein.]
- (5.) Petition of Patrick Gantly, praying for favourable consideration of his past services as Police Constable.—[By Mr. Hallenstein.]
- (6.) Petition of Robert Sinclair Allan, praying that steps be taken to procure to him a Crown Grant for the fifty-acre section taken up by him at Martin's Bay.—[By Mr. Reeves.]
- (7.) Petition of 33 Residents of Cairn Hill and vicinity, praying for the opening of another block of 2500 acres under the deferred payment system.—[By Mr. Hazlett.]
- (8.) Petition of Stephen Read, praying to be protected in his property, leased from Government, from the threatened action of Mr. Glassford, the freeholder of land situate below Petitioner's leased land on Thomson's Creek.—[By Mr. Hazlett.]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions, for next sitting, were given by Mr. M'Dermid, and by Mr. Roberts.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by the Provincial Secretary Mr. Bastings (2), Mr. Daniel, and by Mr. Green; for Thursday next, by Hon. Dr. Menzies; for Friday next, by Mr. M'Lean; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Ireland Hon. Dr. Menzies, and by Mr. R. Clarke.

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

- (1.) Correspondence with Messrs. Cargill and Anderson in reference to opening up blocks of Land for settlement on Runs 199 and 369.—Ordered on motion of Mr. Ireland May 13. (See Appendix.)
- (2.) Map showing lands proposed to be set aside as security for Loans, for use during Session.

Waste Lands Committee.—Mr. J. C. Brown brought up—Interim Reports, Nos. 2 and 3, from the Waste Lands Committee, viz., No. 2, *in re* Petition of 84 owners of land and others of Crookston and Tuapeka; No. 3, *in re* Petition of 28 residents of Hyde. (See *Appendix*.)

Cattle Ordinances.—Mr. Green brought up—Report of the Select Committee on Cattle Ordinances. (See *Appendix*.)

Bills.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—The Sawyer's Bay Lands Leasing Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

The Provincial Solicitor also laid upon the Table—The Roslyn Institute Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Volunteer Land Grants.—*Message No. 12*, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE NO. 12.

The Superintendent transmits herewith list of names of Volunteers who claim remission of purchase money on land.

It will be recollected that, in the Session of 1871, the Provincial Council resolved that for the future such grants, if made, should be subject to certain conditions. Application was made to the Colonial Executive and Parliament, with a view of amending the Volunteer Land Act accordingly. As yet, however, the Act remains as it was.

The Superintendent would be glad to have the opinion of the Provincial Council on the subject.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

26th May, 1874.

Deferred Payment Blocks, Southland District.—*Message No. 13*, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE NO. 13.

The Superintendent submits, for the consideration of the Provincial Council, the desirability of setting apart the following blocks of land for settlement on deferred payments:—

1,150 acres in Run No. 116	}	Hokonui District.
1,000 " " 119A		
2,700 " " 112		
1,550 " " 195A		
200 " " 207A		
1,000 " " 146	}	Taringatura District.
2,000 " " 214		
625 " " 135		
1,700 " " 149	}	Wairio District.
960 " " 159		
1,950 " " 153	}	Wairio District.
880 " " 133		
750 " " 156A2		
1,160 " " 165	}	Waiau District.
2,580 " " Oteramika Hundred.		
3,000 " " New River Hundred.		
3,500 " " Forest Hill Hundred.		
3,651 " " Oreti Hundred.		

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

26th May, 1874.

QUESTIONS.

Kawarau and Shotover Bridges.—Mr. R. Clarke asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether the approaches to the Bridge over the Kawarau River at the Nevis are completed; and whether approaches to the Bridge over the Shotover River at Arthur's Point have been commenced?

The Provincial Secretary answered—(1) The approaches to the Bridge over the Kawarau are in course of formation. (2) The District Engineer has been instructed to get the approaches to the Bridge over the Shotover, at Arthur's Point, formed as soon as possible.

MOTIONS.

Deferred Payment Blocks.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That this Council having had under its consideration His Honor's Message No. 9, (see page 38) relative to the setting apart of Blocks of Land, within which licenses to occupy land and leases thereof on deferred payments may be granted either exclusively "or within which the land shall be open for license or lease as aforesaid, or for sale on immediate payment," approves of the recommendations therein contained, and respectfully requests his Honor to set apart, in terms of the 47th Section of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872"—On Run 111, in one or more blocks, an area not exceeding in the aggregate 4,800 acres; on Run 167B, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2,000 acres; on Run 175A, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1,600 acres; on Run 131, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 3,000 acres; on Run 102, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2,000 acres; on Run 132, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2,000 acres; on Run 90, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2,600 acres; on Run 78A, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1,400 acres; on Run 212, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2,600 acres; on Run 328, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2,000 acres; on Run 80, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1,000 acres; on Run 346, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2,500 acres; on Run 223, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2,500 acres; total acreage, 30,000.

Hospitals Ordinance.—Mr. Hazlett moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Hospitals Ordinance be amended so as to provide that the Hospital Surgeon shall be elected by subscribers who have paid their subscriptions of not less than 20s. at least three months before the day of election; and that the Central Hospital Committee of every District be empowered to appoint polling places for such election in such centres of population as may to them seem desirable.

Mr. Hallenstein moved as an Amendment—That the Hospitals Ordinance be amended, so as to provide that the Hospital Surgeon shall be elected by the Hospital Committee.

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Pine Hill Petition, re Road District.—On motion of Mr. M'Glashan, *Resolved*—That the Petition of a number of Land-owners in the Pine Hill subdivision of the North-East Valley Road District, praying that a portion of that district be severed from the North-East Valley Road District, and annexed to the Half Way Bush Road District, be referred to the consideration of the Government.

Water Reserve, Port Chalmers.—Mr. M'Dermid moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, containing by admeasurement 179 acres, 1 rood, 16 poles, situate in the North Harbour and Blueskin District, being Sections numbered respectively 1, 2, and 97, on the map of the said District, be set apart as a Water Reserve for the Town of Port Chalmers.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 19.

Mr. Bastings
 „ Brown (J. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Daniel
 „ Fish
 „ Hazlett
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 „ M'Glashan
 „ M'Kenzie

Mr. M'Lean
 „ Oliver
 „ Reeves
 „ Stout
 „ Turton
 „ Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Davie
 „ M'Dermid } Tellers.

NOES, 10.

Mr. Allan
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Green
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Henderson

Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ Roberts
 „ Reid
 „ Turnbull } Tellers.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Herbert.—On motion of Mr. Davie, for Mr. Teschemaker, *Resolved*—That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Herbert be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

Court House, Queenstown.—On motion of Mr. Hallenstein, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to urge the General Government to erect a substantial Court House at Queenstown.

Bible Reading in Public Schools.—Mr. Ireland moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council, the reading of the Bible in the Public Schools of this Province should not be compulsory, but that the School Committees, with the sanction of the Education Board, should have the power to permit the reading of the Bible, subject to the restrictions contained in the Education Ordinance.

A Debate ensued.

Mr. Lumsden moved—That the Question be amended by the insertion of the words "should be discontinued" after the word "Bible," and the omission of all the words after "Province."

Debate continued.

Debate interrupted by the adjournment at half-past five o'clock p.m.

(SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.—COUNCIL RESUMED.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill was read a third time and passed.

Castle Street Diversion Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Castle Street Diversion Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bills—Second Readings.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871, Amendment Bill, the Oamaru Rifle Range Reserve Management Bill, and the New River and Jacob's River Ferries Reserves Leasing Bill were severally read a second time, and the committal of each of the said Bills was made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Bible Reading in the Public Schools.—Interrupted Debate resumed on the Question—That, in the opinion of this Council, the reading of the Bible in the Public Schools of this Province should not be compulsory, but that the School Committees, with the sanction of the Education Board, should have the power to permit the reading of the Bible, subject to the restrictions contained in the Education Ordinance; and the Amendment—That the Question be amended by the insertion of the words "should be discontinued" after the word "Bible," and the omission of all the words after the word "Province."

Debate continued.

And the Question being put—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—it passed in the Negative. Words omitted accordingly.

The Question being put—That the words "should be discontinued," proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 16.

Mr. Bastings	
„ Brown (J. C.)	
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	
„ Clarke (R.)	
„ Daniel	
„ Green	
„ Hallenstein	
„ Hazlett	

Mr. Ireland	
„ Kinross	
„ Lumsden	
„ M'Kellar	
„ Oliver	
„ Reeves	
„ Fish	} Tellers.
„ Stout	

NOES, 20.

Mr. Allan
 „ Cumming
 „ de Lautour
 „ Henderson
 „ Mollison
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Glashan
 „ M'Kenzie
 „ M'Lean
 „ M'Neil

Mr. Reid
 Hon. Mr. Reynolds
 Mr. Roberts
 „ Rogers
 „ Sumpter
 „ Turnbull
 „ Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Clark (H.) } Tellers.
 Hon. Dr. Menzies }

So it passed in the Negative.

Question as amended, viz.:—“That, in the opinion of this Council, the reading of the Bible in the Public Schools of this Province”—put and negatived.

High School.—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed—That whereas the establishment of Grammar Schools in various parts of the Province renders it unnecessary that the Dunedin High School for Boys should be continued at the public expense: And whereas the maintenance of the said School at the expense of the State involves an expenditure for which there is no adequate return, and prevents the establishment in Dunedin of one or more Proprietary Schools of a class quite equal to the High School—which there is good reason to believe would otherwise be established: It is therefore resolved—

1st. That the High School for Boys be discontinued, and that adequate compensation be paid to the Teachers for loss of office.

2nd. That the High School buildings be applied to such other purpose as the Government shall deem fit.

3rd. That the Rector's residence be either sold or leased to any individual or proprietary desirous of establishing a high-class school for boys upon a suitable scale.

4th. That one of the District schools be raised to the rank of a Grammar School in terms of the Grammar Schools Ordinance, and a portion of the expenditure heretofore appropriated to the High School be applied to this purpose.

5th. That a respectful Address be transmitted to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that he may be pleased to give effect to the foregoing resolutions.

A Debate ensued.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 12.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Daniel
 „ de Lautour
 „ Hazlett

Mr. Kinross
 „ Rogers
 „ Shand
 „ Sumpter
 „ Bastings } Tellers.
 „ Fish }

NOES, 25.

Mr. Allan
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Cumming
 „ Driver
 „ Green
 „ Haggitt
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. Mollison
 „ M'Glashan
 „ M'Kellar
 „ M'Kenzie

Mr. M'Lean
 „ M'Neil
 „ Oliver
 „ Reid
 Hon. Mr. Reynolds
 Mr. Turnbull
 „ Turton
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Roberts } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.—And the Council having continued to sit until two minutes past twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Provincial Secretary, adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the same day.

Wednesday, May 27, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received:—

(1.) Petition of 106 Residents in the Wakari District praying that steps be taken to protect passengers on the road in said district from the droves of wild cattle, driven to and from the Kaikorai Sale Yards.—[*By Mr. Stout.*]

(2.) Petition of 140 Inhabitants of Popotunoa, Waiwera, and Wairuna, praying that all the agricultural land in Runs 102, 78A, 24A, and 90 be set apart for settlement under the deferred payment system.—[*By Mr. Henderson.*]

(3.) Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of Clyde for the extension of the Railway up the Valley of the Molyneux concurrently with the construction of the Tokomairiro-Lawrence Line.—[*By Mr. Hazlett.*]

(4.) Petition of 136 Inhabitants of Alexandra praying for the extension of the Railway up the Valley of the Molyneux, concurrently with the construction of the Tokomairiro-Lawrence Line.—[*By Mr. Hazlett.*]

(5.) Petition of 67 Residents of Papakaio and adjacent districts praying for the opening of a road through Application 2229 Block IV, Papakaio.—[*By Dr. Webster.*]

(6.) Petition of 27 Settlers and others of Waitaki against the proposed alteration of road line in Papakaio District.—[*By Dr. Webster.*]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions, for next sitting, were given by Mr. Kinross, Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. Daniel, and by Mr. de Lautour.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by Mr. J. C. Brown (2), Mr. Reeves, Mr. G. F. C. Browne (2), Mr. Sumpter, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Lumsden, Mr. Wilson (2), Dr. Webster, the Provincial Secretary (2), and by Mr. Wood; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. Hazlett, and by Mr. R. Clarke.

Committee of Reference.—Mr. Speaker read, and laid upon the Table—A Certificate by the Chairman of the Committee of Reference, under Clause 9 of the Rules and Orders under the provisions of the Provincial Compulsory Lands Taking Act, 1866, to the effect that the said Rules and Orders had been duly complied with, in respect of the Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Lands Taking Bill.

Map.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Map showing unsold land in Hundreds, Southland District, for use during Session.

Committee of Reference.—Mr. M'Glashan brought up—Report from the Committee of Reference on the Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land Taking Bill. (See *Appendix*.)

Private Petitions Committee.—The Hon. Dr. Menzies brought up—Interim Report No. 9, *in re* Petition of George Daniels, from the Private Petitions Committee. (See *Appendix*, page 138.)

Additional Hundreds.—Message No. 14, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE NO. 14.

The Superintendent desires the co-operation of the Provincial Council in recommending His Excellency the Governor to proclaim the following additional Hundreds, to be named respectively, "Pukerau," "Waikaka," "Waikoikoi," "Waikaia," "Spottis," and "Dart" Hundreds, containing in all an area of fifty thousand six hundred (50,600) acres, as more particularly set forth in the descriptions of boundaries attached hereto.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Dunedin, 27th May, 1874.

[ENCLOSURES.]

MEMORANDA by CHIEF SURVEYOR.

Survey Office, Dunedin, 25th May, 1874.

Supplementary List of Proposed Hundreds, 1874.

No. of Run.	Name of Hundred.	Area.	Remarks.
		acres.	
131, M'Intyre's ...	Pukerau ...	8,000	Includes 3,000 Deferred { " 2,000 " { " 4,800 " { " 1,600 " { " 2,000 " { " 2,500 " { " 2,500 "
167B, M'Intyre's ...	} Waikaka { 6,900 } { 7,200 }	14,100	
111, M'Nab's ...			
175A, Logan's ...	Waikoikoi ...	8,300	
328 Fielding's, late Gow ...	} Waikaia { 4,800 } { 1,200 }	6,000	
327 Grant's ...			
223 Glassford's ...	Spottis ...	6,800	
346 Butement's ...	Dart ...	7,400	
Totals ...		50,600	" 18,400 "

Pukerau Hundred is a fine piece of level country, bounded on the south and east by the Kaiwera and Waipahi Streams. It adjoins the other Hundreds proposed at Otaria. The distance of Hundred from surveyed line of Southern Trunk Railway is only from two to five miles.

Waikaka Hundred lies principally in the valley of that name. It fronts the river on both sides for several miles, and two-thirds of the land is either alluvial flat or terrace slope. The other third is not so good, the soil being thinner and gravelly. This Hundred is the extension up the Waikaka of the Deferred Block recently opened on Run 111. The railway line skirts the land for several miles, and a station will be established here as the centre of a large agricultural area.

Waikoikoi Hundred is part of the Tapanui plains, and lies between the Pomahaka River and Waikoikoi Stream. The soil is in general good. There are places, however, where the ground is potted with crab holes, and requires relief from the surplus water by ploughing and ditching. Distant from 5 to 8 miles from Tapanui Saw Mills. About 3,000 acres of this Hundred already surveyed.

Waikaia Hundred is the first open country on the banks of the Waikaia River after leaving the large Birch Forest. The Hundred extends down to Gow's Burn, and is about one half level or nearly so, and the other half, the mountain slopes on opposite sides of valley. A better Hundred could have been selected lower down the valley and nearer township, but the Government have been petitioned and urged several times to open this land for settlement. From ten to fifteen miles from township.

Spottis Hundred is the level, extending back from the Manuherikia River at Blacks, to near the diggings at Drybread and Tinkers. It adjoins the agricultural block No. I, Tiger Hill district, and include 800 acres of it, surveyed into fifty-acre sections. The Spottis Stream runs down the middle of the Hundred and the tail water from the diggings and sluicing claims also flows over part of it. This waste water may be beneficially applied. The natural hindrance to extension of farming in this part of the Province is the dryness of climate. The soil is fertile wherever there is sufficient moisture.

Dart Hundred covers the country between the Dart and Rees Rivers, and between the Diamond Lake and Lake Wakatipu. Two-thirds is level agricultural land of very fair quality; the other third is pasture and forest land on the southern slopes of Mount Alfred. 2000 acres of the Flat is surveyed.

JAMES M'KERRON, Chief Surveyor.

Donald Reid, Esq., Provincial Secretary.

DESCRIPTIONS OF BOUNDARIES.

Pukerau Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand containing by estimation eight thousand (8000) acres, more or less, situate in the South-Eastern Pastoral District, being part of Run numbered one hundred and thirty-one (part 131) on the map of the said district, bounded by a line commencing at the eastern boundary of Block V., Waikaka District, and proceeding due east across trigonometrical station U, Waipahi District, to the Waipahi River, forty thousand six hundred (40,600) links; thence in a southerly direction along that river to its junction with the Kaiwera River, thirty-one thousand five hundred (31,500) links; thence in a south-westerly direction along the Kaiwera River to the northern boundary of the Kaiwera Hundred, thirty-four thousand (34,000) links; thence along the boundary of the said Kaiwera Hundred to a point due north of geodesical station, Waikaka District, seventeen thousand (17,000) links; thence due north twenty-six thousand three hundred (26,300) links, to the starting point, be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Waikaka Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation fourteen thousand one hundred (14,100) acres, more or less, situate in the South-Eastern Pastoral District, being parts of Runs numbered respectively one hundred and eleven (pt. 111) and one hundred and sixty-seven B (pt. 167B) on the map of the said Pastoral District, bounded by a line commencing at a point due south from trigonometrical station H, Chatton District, and proceeding due east across trigonometrical station J, Chatton District, to the Waikaka River, twenty-three thousand four hundred (23,400) links; thence in a southerly direction along that river to a point due west of trigonometrical station

V, Chatton District, thirty-eight thousand four hundred (38,400) links; thence due east across the said station V to the eastern boundary of Chatton District, fifteen thousand five hundred (15,500) links; thence due south to the southern boundary of Chatton District, nine thousand seven hundred (9,700) links; thence due west to the eastern boundary of block II., Waikaka District, nine hundred (900) links; thence due south along the eastern boundaries of Blocks II. and V., Waikaka District, to the Pukerau Stream, twenty-seven thousand four hundred (27,400) links; thence in a westerly direction along that stream to its junction with the Waikaka River, thirty-two thousand (32,000) links; thence in a northerly direction along the Waikaka River to the northern boundary line of Section 2, Block I., Chatton District, forty-four thousand (44,000) links; thence due west to the road line forming the western boundaries of Sections 1 and 2, Block I., Chatton District, thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty (13,750) links; thence in a southerly direction along that road line to the northern boundary of Waikaka District, three thousand three hundred (3,300) links; thence due west nine thousand seven hundred (9,700) links; thence due north thirty-three thousand seven hundred (33,700) links, to the starting point, be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Waikoikoi Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation eight thousand three hundred (8300), acres more or less, situate in the South Eastern Pastoral District, being part of Run numbered one hundred and seventy-five A (pt. 175A) on the map of the said district, bounded by a line commencing at a point on the Pomahaka River, due north of trigonometrical station A, Greenvale District, and proceeding in a south-easterly direction along that river to pre-emptive right marked A, forty-eight thousand (48,000) links; thence in a south-westerly direction along the boundary of the said pre-emptive right and a road-line to the western boundary of section 35, block III, Greenvale District, six thousand two hundred (6200) links; thence due south to the northern boundary of section 59, block III, Glenkenich district, three thousand one hundred and five (3105) links; thence due east to the eastern boundary of the said section 59, three thousand seven hundred (3700) links; thence due south to the southern boundary of section 60, block III, Glenkenich District, two thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine (2789) links; thence due west to the western boundary of the said section 60, five thousand seven hundred and eighteen (5718) links; thence due north to the southern boundary of section 46, block III, Glenkenich District, eight hundred and seventy-two (872) links; thence due west to the western boundary of that block, eight thousand three hundred and forty-eight (8348) links; thence due south to the northern corner of section 16, block II, Glenkenich District, eleven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven (11,337) links; thence along the north-western boundaries of sections 16, 15, 7, and 6, block II, Glenkenich District, sixteen thousand five hundred (16,500) links; thence in a north-westerly direction along a road-line to a point due north of Trigonometrical station DD, five thousand (5000) links; thence due north to the southern boundary of Greenvale District, sixteen thousand four hundred (16,400) links; thence due east to the eastern boundary of section 1, block VII, Greenvale District, six thousand three hundred (6300) links; thence due north twenty-four thousand eight hundred and seventeen (24,817) links, to the starting point, be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Waikaia Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation six thousand (6000) acres, more or less, situate in the South-Eastern Pastoral District, being parts of Runs numbered respectively three hundred and twenty-seven (pt. 327) and three hundred and twenty-eight (pt. 328) on the map of the said district, bounded by a line eight thousand five hundred (8500) links due north from trigonometrical station J2, Waikaia Survey District, extending from the Gow's Burn due east to the edge of the forest on the western side of the Waikaia Valley twenty-eight thousand (28,000) links; thence in a north-easterly direction along the edge of the forest to a point due east from trigonometrical station N, thirteen thousand seven hundred (13,700) links; thence due east to the edge of the forest on the eastern side of the Waikaia Valley, four thousand (4000) links; thence in a south-westerly direction along the edge of the forest to a point due east from the said station J2 twenty-two thousand five hundred (22,500) links; thence due south to a point due east from trigonometrical station A thirteen thousand seven hundred (13,700) links; thence due west to Waikaia River thirteen thousand six hundred (13,600) links; thence along Gow's Burn, forty-six thousand three hundred (46,300) links, to the starting point, be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Spottis Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation six thousand eight hundred (6800) acres, more or less, situate in the North-Eastern Pastoral District, being part of Run numbered two hundred and twenty-three (pt. 223), together with part of block numbered one (pt. I.), Tiger Hill District, bounded by a line commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of section 1 block II., Lauder District, and proceeding due east across trigonometrical station A, Lauder District, twenty-one thousand six hundred (21,600) links; thence due south to the Manuherikia River thirty thousand three hundred (30,300) links; thence along that river in a westerly direction to a point in a line with road line dividing sections 4 and 5 of the said block I. fourteen thousand five hundred (14,500) links; thence in a north-westerly direction and along that road line to the southern corner of section 51 of the said block I. fourteen thousand five hundred (14,500) links; thence along the south-eastern boundary of the said section 51 to the northern boundary of the said block I, three thousand nine hundred and twenty (3920) links; thence due west four thousand seven hundred (4700) links; thence in a north-westerly direction to trigonometrical station D, Lauder District, nine thousand four hundred (9400) links: thence by a straight line to the southern corner of the said section 1 block II., Lauder District, eight thousand three hundred (8300) links; thence along the south-eastern boundary of the said section 1 six thousand eight hundred and ten (6810) links; thence along the north-eastern boundary of the said section 1 seven thousand seven hundred and thirty-three (7733) links, to the starting point: excepting out of the above description sections numbered respectively 14 and 15 block I., Tiger Hill District; be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Dart Hundred.

All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by estimation seven thousand four hundred (7,400) acres, more or less, situate in the Interior Pastoral District, being part of Run numbered three hundred and forty-six (346) on the map of the said district, bounded by a line commencing at the outlet of Diamond Lake into the Earnslaw Burn and proceeding in a north-westerly direction along the north-eastern shore of that lake to the northern boundary of the said Run

346, ten thousand (10,000) links; thence in an easterly direction along the edge of the forest forming the northern boundary of the said Run twenty-two thousand (22,000) links; thence in a south-easterly direction along the boundary of the said Run to Rees River seven thousand four hundred (7400) links; thence along that river to the head of Lake Wakatipu seventy five thousand (75,000) links; thence in a northerly direction along the Dart River forty-four thousand four hundred (44,400) links; thence by a straight line in a north-easterly direction across the southern point of the summit of Mount Alfred thirty thousand (30,000) links, to the starting point; excepting out of the above description section numbered 37, block I. Earnslaw District be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

QUESTIONS.

Lewis Tobias Stead.—Mr. M'Dermid asked the Provincial Solicitor—Whether the Government have enquired into the correctness of certain statements made in the *Guardian* newspaper of May 25th respecting Lewis Tobias Stead, now a prisoner in Dunedin Gaol; more particularly as to whether the jailer—Mr. Caldwell—had any right to retain Stead in custody by virtue of a coroner's warrant?

The Provincial Solicitor answered in the negative.

Bridges across Kaikorai and Abbots Creeks.—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Works—If the Government intends taking the necessary steps to provide for the widening of the bridges across the Kaikorai and Abbots Creeks on the Main South Road?

The Secretary for Works answered in the negative.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871; Amendment Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871, Amendment Bill was committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: To omit all the words after "determine," line 7, and to insert, in lieu thereof, the words—"Provided that such special rate shall not exceed one penny in the pound on annual value to let."—[*Mr. Kinross.*]

Amendment agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed: To add the words, "in any one year."—[*Mr. Cumming.*]

Amendment agreed to.

The Clause, so amended, being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 19.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. M'Dermid
" Browne (G. F. C.)	" Reeves
" Clarke (R.)	" Reid
" de Lautour	" Rogers
" Hallenstein	Dr. Webster
" Hazlett	Mr. Wilson
" Henderson	" Wood
" Kinross	" Cumming } Tellers.
" Lumsden	" Daniel }
Hon. Dr. Menzies	

NOES, 10.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Shand
" Davie	" Sumpter
" Green	" Teschemaker
" M'Kenzie	" Clark (H.) } Tellers.
" M'Neil	" M'Lean }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made, and Question proposed—To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—[*Mr. Sumpter.*]

Question, by leave withdrawn.

Clauses 7 and 8 read and agreed to.

Clause 9 read. Amendment proposed: To insert after "bridge," line 4, the words "or travelling on any road"; and after "bridge," line 7, the words "or road."—[*Mr. Kinross.*]

Amendments agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 10, Preamble, and Title read and agreed to.

On the Council resuming, the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Oamaru Rifle Range Reserve Management Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Oamaru Rifle Range Reserve Management Bill was committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

New River and Jacob's River Ferries' Reserves Leasing Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the New River and Jacob's River Ferries' Reserves Leasing Bill was committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Clyde Corporation Borrowing Powers Extension Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Clyde Corporation Borrowing Powers Extension Bill was read a second time, and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendments proposed: To insert after "rates," line 3, the words, "and on the credit of the actual or anticipated receipts, revenue, and income of the said Corporation, from whatever source derived, or any part thereof, respectively;" after "rates," line 7, page 2, the words "and such anticipated receipts, revenue, and income;" and after "thereof," same line, the words "by way of mortgage or otherwise."—[*Provincial Secretary.*]

Amendments agreed to. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Preamble and Title read and agreed to.

On the Council resuming, the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Sawyer's Bay Lands Leasing Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Sawyer's Bay Lands Leasing Bill was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

MOTIONS.

Deferred Payment Blocks, Southland District—Reply to Message No. 13.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That this Council having had under its consideration His Honor's Message No. 13, relative to the setting apart of Blocks of Land within which licenses to occupy land and leases thereof on deferred payments may be granted either exclusively 'or within which the land shall be open for license or lease as aforesaid or for sale on immediate payment,' approves of the recommendations therein contained and respectfully requests His Honor to set apart in terms of the 5th Section of the 'Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Act 1873:—

- On Run 116, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1150 acres;
- On Run 119A, in one or more blocks an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1000 acres;
- On Run 112, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2700 acres;
- On Run 195A, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1550 acres;
- On Run 207A, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 200 acres;
- On Run 146, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1000 acres;
- On Run 214, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2000 acres;
- On Run 135, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 625 acres;
- On Run 149, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1700 acres;
- On Run 159, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 960 acres;
- On Run 153, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1950 acres;
- On Run 133, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 880 acres;
- On Run 156A2, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 750 acres;
- On Run 165, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 1160 acres.

In Hundreds—

Oteramika, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 2584 acres;
 New River, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 3000 acres;
 Forest Hill, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 3500 acres;
 Oreti, in one or more blocks, an area in the aggregate not exceeding 3291 acres.

Sunday Trains.—Mr. Turnbull moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council, having considered the various Petitions relative to the Sunday Traffic on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, is of opinion that the number of trains running on Sundays should, except in very exceptional and urgent cases, be limited to one train each way before nine o'clock in the morning, and another each way between the hours of four and six in the afternoon.

Mr. G. F. C. Browne moved, as an Amendment—That this Council is of opinion that all Sunday traffic on railways, and on public roads, should be strictly prohibited.

A Debate ensued.

Amendment by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Wilson moved as an Amendment—That this Council having considered the various Petitions relative to the Sunday traffic on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, is of opinion that such traffic is not conducive to the welfare of the Inhabitants of the Province, either morally or physically, and that the running of trains on Sunday should be discontinued, except in cases of emergency.

Debate continued.

Mr. Wilson's Amendment being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 13.

Mr. Allan	Mr. M'Kenzie
„ Brown (J. C.)	„ M'Neil
„ Cumming	„ Sumpter
„ de Lautour	„ Wilson
„ Henderson	„ Clark (H.)
Hon. Dr. Menzies	„ Mollison } Tellers.
Mr. M'Kellar	

NOES, 25.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. M'Dermid
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	„ M'Glashan
„ Clarke (R.)	„ Oliver
„ Daniel	„ Reeves
„ Davie	„ Reid
„ Driver	„ Rogers
„ Fish	„ Teschemaker
„ Green	„ Turnbull
„ Haggitt	Dr. Webster
„ Hazlett	Mr. Wood
„ Henderson	„ Shand } Tellers.
„ Ireland	„ Stout }
„ Lumsden	

So it passed in the Negative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Reeves moved as an Amendment—That this Council, having considered the various Petitions relative to Sunday traffic on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, is of opinion that no trains should be run between the hours of Church service—say from eleven to two o'clock, and that trains should before and thereafter be run at such time as may be found necessary for passenger traffic only.

Debate continued.

Mr. Reeves' Amendment being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 19.

Mr. Bastings
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Daniel
 „ Davie
 „ Green
 „ Haggitt
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Hazlett
 „ Ireland

Mr. M'Glashan
 „ Oliver
 „ Reeves
 „ Rogers
 „ Stout
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wood
 „ Driver } Tellers.
 „ Fish }

NOES, 19.

Mr. Allan
 „ Brown (J. C.)
 „ Cumming
 „ de Lautour
 „ Henderson
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. Mollison
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Kellar
 „ M'Kenzie

Mr. M'Neil
 „ Reid
 „ Shand
 „ Sumpter
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Turnbull
 „ Wilson
 „ Clark (H.) } Tellers.
 „ Lumsden }

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the Noes, and so it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed on the original Question.

Mr. Turnbull asked leave to amend his motion by substituting “half-past ten” for “nine,” and “three” for “four.” Leave withheld.

Mr. Haggitt moved as an Amendment—That in the opinion of this Council the running of Sunday Trains should be continued as at present, except that a discretion be left to the Executive of running additional trains on Sunday, if found expedient.

Mr. Haggitt's Amendment being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 20.

Mr. Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Daniel
 „ Davie
 „ Driver
 „ Fish
 „ Green
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Hazlett
 „ Ireland

Mr. Lumsden
 „ M'Glashan
 „ Oliver
 „ Reeves
 „ Rogers
 „ Stout
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wood
 „ Bastings } Tellers.
 „ Haggitt }

NOES, 18.

Mr. Allan
 „ Brown (J. C.)
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Cumming
 „ de Lautour
 „ Henderson
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. Mollison
 „ M'Dermid

Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Kenzie
 „ M'Neil
 „ Shand
 „ Sumpter
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Wilson
 „ Reid } Tellers.
 „ Turnbull }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being proposed on Mr. Haggitt's Amendment as a substantive motion, Mr. M'Kenzie moved as an Amendment—That this Council, having considered the various Petitions relative to the Sunday Traffic on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, is of opinion that the number of trains running on Sundays should, except in very exceptional and urgent cases, be limited to one train each way before half-past ten o'clock in the morning, and another each way between the hours of three and six in the afternoon.

Mr. M'Kenzie's Amendment being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 16.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Reid
„ Cumming	„ Shand
„ de Lautour	„ Sumpter
„ Henderson	„ Teschemaker
Hon. Dr. Menzies	„ Turnbull
Mr. Mollison	„ Wilson
„ M'Kenzie	„ Clark (H.) } Tellers.
„ M'Neil	„ M'Kellar }

NOES, 21.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. Hazlett
„ Brown (J. C.)	„ Ireland
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	„ M'Glashan
„ Clarke (R.)	„ Oliver
„ Daniel	„ Reeves
„ Davie	„ Rogers
„ Driver	„ Stout
„ Fish	Dr. Webster
„ Green	Mr. Lumsden } Tellers.
„ Haggitt	„ Wood }
„ Hallenstein	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Henderson moved as an Amendment—That all Railway traffic be discontinued within this Province.

Mr. Henderson's Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Mollison moved as an Amendment—That the fixing of the hours for the running of Trains upon Sundays be left to the Executive.

Mr. Mollison's Amendment being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 13.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Shand
„ Cumming	„ Sumpter
„ de Lautour	„ Teschemaker
Hon. Dr. Menzies	„ Wilson
Mr. Mollison	„ Clark (H.) } Tellers.
„ M'Kenzie	„ M'Kellar }
„ M'Neil	

NOES, 20.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. Ireland
„ Brown (J. C.)	„ Lumsden
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	„ M'Glashan
„ Clarke (R.)	„ Oliver
„ Daniel	„ Reeves
„ Driver	„ Rogers
„ Green	„ Stout
„ Haggitt	„ Wood
„ Hallenstein	„ Fish } Tellers.
„ Hazlett	Dr. Webster }

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Oliver moved—That the substantive motion be amended by the omission of all the words after “ present.”

Mr. Oliver's Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question, so amended, being proposed, viz. :—That in the opinion of this Council the running of Sunday Trains should be continued as at present,

Motion made, and Question proposed—That this Council do now adjourn.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Question of adjournment being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 12.				
Mr. Allan	|	Mr. M'Neil	}	Tellers.
„ Cumming		„ Sumpter		
„ de Lautour		„ Teschemaker		
Hon. Dr. Menzies		„ Wilson		
Mr. Mollison		„ Clark (H.)		
„ M'Kellar		„ M'Kenzie		

NOES, 20.				
Mr. Bastings	|	Mr. Ireland	}	Tellers.
„ Brown (J. C.)		„ Lumsden		
„ Browne (G. F. C.)		„ M'Glashan		
„ Clarke (R.)		„ Reeves		
„ Daniel		„ Rogers		
„ Driver		„ Stout		
„ Fish		Dr. Webster		
„ Green		Mr. Wood		
„ Haggitt		„ Hazlett		
„ Hallenstein		„ Oliver		

So it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed on the amended Question.

And the Question, so amended, being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 19.				
Mr. Bastings	|	Mr. Lumsden	}	Tellers.
„ Browne (G. F. C.)		„ M'Glashan		
„ Clarke (R.)		„ Oliver		
„ Daniel		„ Reeves		
„ Davie		„ Rogers		
„ Green		Dr. Webster		
„ Haggitt		Mr. Wood		
„ Hallenstein		„ Fish		
„ Hazlett		„ Stout		
„ Ireland				

NOES, 13.				
Mr. Allan	|	Mr. M'Neil	}	Tellers.
„ Brown (J. C.)		„ Sumpter		
„ Clark (H.)		„ Teschemaker		
„ Cumming		„ Wilson		
„ de Lautour		Hon. Dr. Menzies		
„ Mollison		Mr. M'Kellar		
„ M'Kenzie				

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That, in the opinion of this Council, the running of Sunday Trains should be continued as at present.

Petition re Land, Popotunoa.—Mr. M'Neil asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion relative to the Petition of 64 Inhabitants of Popotunoa and adjoining districts, the debate upon which was adjourned on the 11th May inst.

Adjournment.—And the Council having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes past twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, on motion of the Provincial Solicitor, adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the same day.

Thursday, May 28, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

- (1.) Petition of 42 Inhabitants of Clydevale against the running of Sunday Trains.—
[By Mr. Henderson.]
- (2.) Petition of John Walker, praying for favorable consideration of the circumstances under which he retired from the Provincial Government service.—[By Mr. Stout.]
- (3.) Petition of 19 Members of the No. 1 Company (City Guards) Otago Rifle Volunteers, praying for the granting of Land Certificates under the Volunteers Land Act, 1865.—
[By Mr. Roberts.]
- (4.) Petition of 10 Members of No. 2 Dunedin Scottish Company, Otago Rifle Volunteers, praying for the granting of Land Certificates under the Volunteers Land Act, 1865.—
[By Mr. Roberts.]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions, for next sitting, were given by Mr. Kinross, Mr. J. C. Brown (2), Mr. G. F. C. Browne (2), and by Mr. McGlashan.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by the Secretary for Lands and Works (7), Mr. Lumsden, Mr. Teschemaker, Mr. Cumming (2), Mr. Kinross, and by Mr. Wood; for Monday next, by Mr. Driver, and by Mr. Davie; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. Driver (2).

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Further Correspondence with Messrs. Cargill and Anderson and others, in reference to opening of blocks of land for settlement on Runs 199 and 369. Ordered on motion of Mr. Ireland, 13th May. (See *Appendix*.)

Waste Lands Committee.—Mr. J. C. Brown brought up—Interim Report No. 4, *in re* Petition of 33 Residents of Cairn Hill, from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee. (See *Appendix*, page 190.)

Private Petitions Committee.—Mr. Roberts brought up—Interim Report No. 10, *in re* Petition of 106 Residents in Wakari District, from the Private Petitions Committee. (See *Appendix*, page 138.)

QUESTIONS.

Deferred Payment Blocks, Southland District.—Mr. Kinross asked the Provincial Secretary—Whether it is the intention of the Government to submit to the Council during the present Session any blocks of land for settlement on deferred payments within the Southland District, in addition to those referred to in His Honor's Message, No. 13; and also whether by clause 5 of Southland Waste Land Act, 1873, any limitation is placed on the area that may be set aside during any one year for settlement on the system of deferred payments?

The Provincial Secretary answered to the first part of the question in the negative, and to the second, that he was not prepared to express a legal opinion upon the subject.

Educational Report.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne asked the Provincial Secretary—If it is the intention of the Government to place any further Educational Report on the Table during the present Session?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the negative.

Bonus for Whaling.—Mr. Daniel asked the Government—If they intend to place a sum on the Estimates this year as a bonus to whaling enterprise?

The Provincial Treasurer answered in the affirmative—sum £500.

Naseby Sludge Channel.—Mr. de Lantour asked the Government—Whether they are aware that the alteration in the levels of the Naseby Sludge Channel, as agreed to by the late Government after careful enquiry, should be immediately determined upon before the works proceed further; and whether the Government are determined to insist upon the Contractors on the Sludge Channel and on the Head Race fulfilling their contracts within the time agreed upon?

The Provincial Secretary answered—(1) That he was not aware the late Government had agreed to any alteration, but was aware such an alteration was desired by the Inhabitants. Steps were taken to ascertain the advisability or otherwise of deepening the channel. (2.) The Government would endeavor to get the work completed as nearly as possible within the contract time, without unduly pressing the contractors.

MOTIONS.

Gold Fields Committee—Kakanui Water Race Company.—Mr. Bastings moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Interim Report No. 4 from the Gold Fields Committee *in re* the Petition of Wm. Williamson, Manager of the Kakanui Water Race Company be adopted. Recommendation of Committee as follows:—“Your Committee having carefully considered this Petition, now recommends that the Government should give it its favourable consideration, the Committee being of opinion that the Petitioner is fairly entitled to some compensation.” (*Appendix*, page 197.)

Question by leave withdrawn.

Gold Fields Committee—Clark's Diggings.—On motion of Mr. Bastings, *Resolved*—That the Interim Report No. 5 from the Gold Fields Committee *in re* Petition of Miners at Clark's Digging⁶ be adopted. Recommendation of Committee as follows:—“Your Committee recommends that the Government should use every effort to bring the parties in this matter to submit their differences to arbitration, and that instructions be given to the Warden not to grant any new rights, only subject to the present workings.” (*Appendix*, page 197.)

Night Caps Coal Field Reserve.—On motion of Mr. Daniel, *Resolved*—That, in the opinion of this Council, it would be inexpedient to grant any lease of Mineral Lands, for the working of Coal, in that part of the Province called “The Night Caps Coal Field Reserve,” situated in the district of Southland, until the railway to Otautau be completed, and that such Leases be sold by auction.

Cattle Ordinances.—On motion of Mr. Green, *Resolved*—That the Report of the Select Committee on the Cattle Ordinance 1864, Cattle Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1869, and other Ordinances bearing on the subject, be referred to the Government for their favourable consideration; and that the recommendation of the Committee that a new Ordinance be prepared during the recess be given effect to. (*Appendix*, page 198.)

Additional Hundreds—Reply to Message No. 14.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That this Council having considered His Honor's Message No. 14 (see page 57) concurs in the proposals therein contained, and respectfully requests His Honor the Superintendent to recommend His Excellency the Governor to proclaim the several Hundreds therein named; with the boundaries therein described, in terms of the 96th Section of the “Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872.”

Waste Lands Committee's Reports 2 and 3.—On motion of Mr. J. C. Brown, *Resolved*—That the Interim Reports Nos. 2 and 3, from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, upon the Petitions of 84 Settlers in the Districts of Crookston and Tuapeka, also 28 Residents of Hyde, be adopted. Recommendation of Committee as follows:—“Your Committee are of opinion that, while not justified from the evidence before them in recommending the special blocks asked for, they are justified in strongly recommending the Government to declare such blocks as may be considered advisable, convenient to the land occupied by the Petitioners.” (*Appendix*, page 189.)

Waste Lands Committee's Report No. 1.—Mr. J. C. Brown moved, and the Question was proposed—That Interim Report No. 1, from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, upon the Petition of 64 Settlers in the Shag Valley District, be adopted. Recommendation of Committee as follows, viz.:—“Your Committee recommend the Petition to the favorable consideration of the Government in selecting any future Hundreds.” (*Appendix*, page 189.)

The Hon. Mr. Reynolds moved as an Amendment—That the Petition of 64 Settlers in the Shag Valley District be referred to the Government for their favourable consideration.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Leasing of Pastoral Lands on Gold Fields.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council, the pastoral leasing of lands on the Gold Fields, that have been opened for agricultural purposes, is detrimental to the true settlement of the country, and at variance with the Act under which the land was thrown open; and this Council is strongly of opinion any further leasing as above referred to should be discontinued.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Forest Land on Goldfields.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council, the forest and scrub land on the Gold Fields should not be alienated under the Agricultural or Residence Area Regulations, but such land should be taken up under the Forest Regulations, and that the Government be requested to give such instructions to the different officers throughout the Gold Fields.

Mr. Hazlett moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “and scrub.”

Amendment by leave withdrawn.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Adulteration of Food.—On motion of Mr. Sumpter, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that His Honor may be pleased to take such stringent measures as he may deem most expedient, under clauses 3 and 4 of the “Adulteration of Food Act, 1866,” to prevent the use of deleterious drugs.

Petition from Popotunoa, Waiwera, and Wairuna, re Land.—On motion of Mr. Henderson, *Resolved*—That the Petition of 140 Inhabitants of Popotunoa, Waiwera, and Wairuna, praying that all the agricultural land in Runs 102, 78A, 24A, and 90 be set apart for settlement under the deferred payment system, be referred to the Government.

Forest Reserve—Dipton Bush.—On motion of Mr. Lumsden, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to reserve, under section 16 of the “Southland Waste Lands Act, 1865,” the remaining unsold portion of the Dipton Bush—about 78 acres—as a Forest Reserve.

Petition of John Mitchell.—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Resolved*—That the Petition of John Mitchell, in reference to an exchange of land, be referred to the consideration of the Government.

Petition re Fencing Invercargill and Winton Railway.—Mr. Wilson moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Petition of Inhabitants of Invercargill and Winton, praying that the Invercargill and Winton Railway be fenced, be referred to the favorable consideration of the Government.

Mr. Wood moved—That the Question be amended by adding “s” to “Petition,” by inserting the word “Bluff” before the word “Invercargill” in the first and second lines, and by adding the letter “s” to the word “Railway.”

The Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to omit the word “favorable.”

The Question so amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That the Petition of Inhabitants of Invercargill and Winton, praying that the Invercargill and Winton Railway be fenced, be referred to the consideration of the Government.

Petitions re Road through Application No. 2229, Block 4, Papakaio.—Dr. Webster moved, and the Question was proposed—That the prayer of the Petition of the residents of the Awamoko and Papakaio Districts, and that of settlers in Waitaki District, in reference to the opening up of a road through Application No. 2229, Block 4, Papakaio District, be referred to the favorable consideration of the Government.

Mr. J. C. Brown moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “favorable.”

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question so amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Cemetery Reserve, St. Bathans.—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that area in the Province of Otago, Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement one (1) acre, more or less, situate in the St. Bathans District, being section numbered 9, Block II. on the Map of the said district: bounded towards the north-east by Crown Lands, two hundred and twenty-six and a-half (226½) links, towards the

south-east by Crown Lands four hundred and forty one and a-half ($441\frac{1}{2}$) links, towards the south-west by Crown Lands two hundred and twenty-six and a half ($226\frac{1}{2}$) links, and towards the north-west by Crown Lands four hundred and forty-one and a half ($441\frac{1}{2}$) links, be set apart for a Public Cemetery.

Debate interrupted by the adjournment at half-past five o'clock p.m.

(SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M. COUNCIL RESUMED.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871, Amendment Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871, Amendment Bill was read a third time and passed.

Clyde Corporation Borrowing Powers Extension Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Clyde Corporation Borrowing Powers Extension Bill was read a third time and passed.

Roslyn Institute Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Roslyn Institute Bill was read a second time, committed, and being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time and passed.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Cemetery Reserve, St. Bathans.—Interrupted Debate resumed on the Question—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that area in the Province of Otago, Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement one (1) acre, more or less, situate in the St. Bathans District, being section numbered 9, Block II. on the Map of the said district: bounded towards the north-east by Crown Lands, two hundred and twenty-six and a-half ($226\frac{1}{2}$) links, towards the south-east by Crown Lands four hundred and forty-one and a-half ($441\frac{1}{2}$) links, towards the south west by Crown Lands two hundred and twenty six and a-half ($226\frac{1}{2}$) links, and towards the north-west by Crown Lands four hundred and forty-one and a-half ($441\frac{1}{2}$) links, be set apart for a Public Cemetery.

The Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Petition of Thomas Brown.—On motion of Mr. Wood, *Resolved*—That the Petition of Thomas Brown, together with the Report thereon be referred to the Government in order that the statements contained in that Petition may be investigated during the presence in town of Mr. Pearson, the Chairman of the Waste Lands Board.

Railway Resolutions.—*In Reply to Message No. 10.*—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council do now resolve itself into Committee, for the purpose of considering the proposed Railway Resolutions, in reply to His Honor's Message No. 10. (For Message, see page 38.)

Mr. G. F. C. Browne moved as an Amendment—That the Debate on the proposed Resolutions in reply to Message No. 10 be adjourned until after the Balance Sheet and Estimates have been laid upon the Table of this Council.

The Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

In Committee.

The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council having considered His Honor's Message No. 10, relative to the construction of certain lines of Railway, and recommending that application be made to the General Assembly to raise a loan for that purpose:—

Resolved—1st. That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that application be made to the General Government to introduce a Bill to the General Assembly, at its next Session, to raise a loan of not exceeding £500,000, on special security to be given by the Province, such loan to be expended in constructing Railways and other necessary works within the Province, and to be raised from time to time as may be required for the construction of Railways and works approved, and to be expended over a period of not less than five years.

Mr. Gillies moved—That the Question be amended by omitting the words "Railways and other necessary works" after the words "constructing," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "branch lines of railway."

A Debate ensued.

Motion made, and Question proposed—To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—
[*Mr. Bastings.*]

The Question for reporting progress being put, it passed in the Negative.

Amendment (Mr. Gillies') by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Gillies moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words:—"Provided that no works shall be included in the Bill authorising the raising of the Loan except such works as are sanctioned by this Council."

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question, so amended, being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. M'Kenzie	
" Clarke (R.)	" M'Lean	
" Cumming	" M'Neil	
" Daniel	" Roberts	
" Davie	" Rogers	
" Fish	" Sumpter	
" Gillies	" Teschemaker	
" Haggitt	" Turnbull	
" Hallenstein	Dr. Webster	
" Henderson	Mr. Wilson	
" Ireland	" Wood	
" Kinross	" Reid	} Tellers.
" Lumsden	" Stout	
" M'Kellar		

NOES, 8.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. Hazlett	
" Browne (G. F. C.)	" Reynolds	
" Clarke (H.)	" Green	} Tellers.
" de Lautour	" Shand	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Fish, the Council resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock, p.m., adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., the following day.

Friday, May 29, 1874.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received:—

(1.) Petition of John Cowe Esther, lighter proprietor, setting forth losses sustained in consequence of the lighter "Rose" having struck on a broken pile or beacon in the Harbour, and praying for enquiry into the case, with a view to redress being granted.—[*By Mr. Davie.*]

(2.) Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of Cromwell for the extension of the railway from Lawrence to Roxburgh, concurrently with the construction of the line from Tokomairiro to Tuapeka.—[*By Mr. M'Kellar.*]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions, for next sitting, were given by Mr. Bastings, and by Mr. G. F. C. Browne.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by Mr. Davie, Mr. de Lautour, Mr. J. C. Brown, and Mr. G. F. C. Browne; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. Bastings.

Gold Fields Committee.—Mr. Bastings brought up—Interim Reports Nos. 6 and 7, from the Gold Fields Committee, viz.:—No. 6, *in re* Petition of J. Kirkton and party; No. 7, *in re* claim of John Aldred. (See *Appendix*, page 197.)

Private Petitions Committee.—Mr. Roberts brought up—Interim Report No. 11, *in re* Petitions of 19 Members of No. 1 City Company Guards, and 10 Members of No. 2 Company (Dunedin Scottish) Otago Volunteers, from the Private Petitions Committee. (See *Appendix*, page 139.)

Mr. Roberts also brought up—Interim Report No. 13, from the said Committee, *in re* Petition of James Cooper. (See *Appendix*, page 140.)

Mr. Green brought up Interim Report No. 12, from the said Committee, *in re* Petition of John Gantley. (See *Appendix*, page 140.)

Bills.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—The Riverton Drill Shed Reserve Management Bill, and the Lawrence Reserve Sale Bill, which were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for next sitting.

QUESTIONS.

Returns Ordered.—Mr. Kinross asked the Government—When there will be upon the Table of this Council the papers connected with Light Railways asked for and agreed to on the 12th inst; also the Provincial Solicitor's opinion as to compulsory residence of licensees under deferred payments system, asked for and agreed to on 11th inst.; and also whether statement of Revenues and Expenditure in Southland asked for and agreed to on 6th inst., will be laid upon the Table in time to be bound up with the Votes and Proceedings of the present Session?

The Provincial Secretary answered—(1) The Railway Papers and opinion of Provincial Solicitor will probably be laid upon the Table during the present sitting. (2) The statement of revenue and expenditure referred to will be prepared as soon as practicable.

Balance Sheet.—Mr. J. C. Brown asked the Provincial Treasurer—If it is true that the Balance Sheet is now ready? If so, will it be laid on the table during the present week?

The Provincial Treasurer answered—The Balance Sheet will be laid upon the Table on Monday next, together with the Estimates.

Local Revenues, Waitahuna.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne asked the Provincial Treasurer—Whether the revenue has been collected in the Waitahuna district under Ordinances as described in the schedule of the Local Revenues Ordinance 1872? also if the amount so collected has been paid into the Treasury or to the Municipal Council at Lawrence?

The Provincial Treasurer answered—The revenue in question has been paid into the Provincial Treasury.

Police Camp, Waitahuna.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Works—If it is the intention of the Government to remove the Police Camp from the present position (Waitahuna) to the township of Havelock: if so will a sufficient sum be placed on the Estimates, to erect new buildings?

The Secretary for Works answered—A sufficient sum will be placed on the Estimates to enable the removal of the Police Camp to be commenced, but the final completion of the work will be provided for in next year's Estimates.

Leases of Toll Bars.—Mr. McGlashan asked the Provincial Secretary:—

1st. What arrangement has been made with the Lessees of the Toll Bars as regards the expense of drawing out leases?

2nd. Is the Government aware of the Solicitor's charges made for drawing out same?

3rd. Was it part of the agreement that the Lessees were to be chargeable with the costs of drawing out leases?

The Provincial Secretary answered, explaining that the arrangement made was, that the expense of preparing the leases should be borne by the lessees. The Government did not consider the charges made unreasonable.

Report as to Treasury.—Mr. J. C. Brown asked the Government—If they will afford any explanation to this Council with regard to the truth or otherwise of a report now current that a sum of £700 has been lost to the Treasury of the Province?

The Provincial Secretary answered—The Government does not consider there will be any such loss to the Province.

Opinion re Settlement on Deferred Payments.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—
Opinion relative to occupation of land under the deferred payment system (see *Appendix*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land Taking Bill.—On motion of Mr. M'Glashan, the Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land Taking Bill was read a second time and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—
[Mr. J. C. Brown.]

The Question of reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

	AYES, 4.	
Mr. Clarke (R.)	|	Mr. Brown (J. C.)
„ Fish	|	„ de Lautour
		} Tellers.
	NOES, 19.	
Mr. Allan	|	Mr. Reid
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	|	„ Rogers
„ Daniel	|	„ Sumpter
„ Gillies	|	„ Teschemaker
„ Hazlett	|	„ Turnbull
„ Henderson	|	„ Wilson
„ Kinross	|	„ Wood
„ Lumsden	|	„ Reeves
„ M'Lean	|	„ Reynolds
„ Oliver	|	} Tellers.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Question being put—That Clause 3 stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

	AYES, 20.	
Mr. Allan	|	Mr. M'Lean
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	|	„ Oliver
„ Cumming	|	Hon. Mr. Reynolds
„ Daniel	|	Mr. Rogers
„ de Lautour	|	„ Turnbull
„ Gillies	|	Dr. Webster
„ Hazlett	|	„ Wilson
„ Henderson	|	„ Wood
„ Ireland	|	„ Reid
„ Lumsden	|	„ Sumpter
		} Tellers.
	NOES, 3.	
Mr. Shand	|	Mr. Brown (J. C.)
		„ Clarke (R.)
		} Tellers.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 4 and 5, Schedule, Preamble, and Title read and agreed to.

The Council resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Council Resumed.

On motion of Mr. M'Glashan, the said Bill was forthwith read a third time and passed.

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Papers relating to the contracts for Light Railways, ordered on motion of Mr. Kinross, May 12.

MOTIONS.

Endowment for Trust, Riverton Harbour.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands and Works, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that—all that area in the Province of Otago, containing by estimation three thousand (3000) acres, more or less, situated in the Jacob's River Hundred, and bounded towards the north-west by section seven (7), Jacob's River Hundred, four thousand (4000) links; towards the south-west by said section seven (7), a public road, and section two (2) of said Jacob's River Hundred, four thousand one hundred (4100) links; again on the north-west by Crown Lands eleven thousand seven hundred (11,700) links, or thereabouts; on the north-east by section twenty-two (22) of said Jacob's River Hundred, two thousand three hundred (2300) links, or thereabouts; again on north-west by said section twenty-two (22) one thousand eight hundred (1800) links or thereabouts; again on the north-east by section twenty-five (25) of said Jacob's River Hundred, four thousand (4000) links; on the south-east by a public road, one thousand three hundred and thirty-one (1331) links; again on the north-east by a public road, one hundred (100) links; and section thirteen (13) of said Jacob's River Hundred, five thousand two hundred and ten (5210) links; towards the east by the Jounamou Creek, thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) links or thereabouts; again towards the north-east east and south by the road reserve, one hundred (100) links wide, on the west bank of the Waimatuku River, twenty-nine thousand (29,000) links or thereabouts; on the east by the Crown Lands, one thousand (1000) links or thereabouts; towards the south by the road reserve one hundred (100) links wide, along high water mark of the Ocean Beach, eleven thousand two hundred (11,200) links or thereabouts; again towards the south-west by a public road four thousand (4000) links or thereabouts to first described boundary, be set apart for the endowment of a Trust for the Harbour of Riverton.

Coal Reserve, Kyeburn.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands and Works, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that area in the Province of Otago, Colony of New Zealand, containing one hundred and fifteen (115) acres, more or less, situate in block 5, Kyeburn district, excepting sections numbered 1 and 2, commencing at appoint on the eastern branch of Kyeburn due east from Trig. Station D; thence along the said branch north three hundred and fifty (350) links; thence due west two thousand eight hundred (2800) links; thence due south four thousand four hundred (4400) links; thence due east three thousand eight hundred (3800) links to the eastern branch of Kyeburn; thence along the said branch to the north-western boundary of Pre-emptive right (C) App. 6920; thence along the said boundary to the eastern branch of Kyeburn; thence along the said branch to the starting point—be set apart as a Coal Reserve.

Public Pound Reserve, Forest Hill.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands and Works, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that parcel of land containing by admeasurement 25 acres situated in the Forest Hill Hundred about 40 chains below the junction of the Makarewa and Otepiri Rivers, being bounded towards the north west and south by the Makarewa River and towards the east by a line to include the required area, be set apart as a Reserve for a Public Pound.

Recreation Reserve, Riverton.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands and Works, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that area in the Province of Otago containing by admeasurement one (1) acre and three (3) rods being sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 14 and 15 block XVII., town of Riverton, as the same is delineated on the record map in the Survey Office, Invercargill, be set apart as a Reserve for purposes of public recreation for the use of the Inhabitants of Riverton.

Quarry Reserve, Akatore.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands and Works, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement six (6) acres three (3) rods and twenty (20) poles more or less, situate in the Akatore District, being Quarry Reserve block one (I) on the map of the said District, bounded towards the north by section numbered 31 seven hundred (700) links, towards the east by section numbered 31 one thousand (1000) links, towards the south by the said section numbered 31, seven hundred (700) links, and towards the west by sections numbered respectively 1 of 28 and 29, one thousand (1000) links, and intersected by a road-line fifty (50) links wide, be set apart as a Reserve for a Quarry.

Cemetery Reserve, Wyndham.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands and Works, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Section 26, block 1, Wyndham District, may be set apart for a Public Cemetery.

Site for Athenæum, Wyndham.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands and Works, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 21, block III, Wyndham, be set apart as a site for an Athenæum.

Site for Public Market, Invercargill.—On motion of Mr. Lumsden, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to reserve, under Section 16 of the Southland Waste Lands Act, 1865, as a site for a Public Market, all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less, situate in the town of Invercargill, bounded towards the north by a road line two hundred and eight links, towards the east by Clyde Street two hundred and forty links, towards the south by Forth Street two hundred and eight links, and towards the west by Crown Lands two hundred and forty links.

Auriferous Lands.—Mr. M'Lean moved, and the Question was proposed—That referring to His Honor's opening Address relative to the sale of Auriferous Lands, this Council is of opinion that the auriferous, as well as the non-auriferous, lands in this Province should be alienated from the Crown, in such manner and on such terms and conditions as will enable persons of all classes (if so disposed) to acquire the freehold of portions thereof.

Mr. Wood moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words:—"And that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor, requesting that he will, during the next Session of the General Assembly, endeavour to amend the Waste Lands Act so as to give effect to this resolution."

A Debate ensued.

Motion made and Question proposed—That this Debate be now adjourned—[*Mr. Ireland.*]

The Question of adjournment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed.

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be added be so added, it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed on the original Question.

Mr. J. C. Brown moved as an Amendment—(1) That, in the opinion of this Council, the only way of providing for the proper and profitable occupation of mineral, agricultural, and pastoral lands is by leasing, instead of selling, them. (2) That, in order to provide for the deficiency in revenue that may be caused by the adoption of the foregoing method of dealing with land, an Income and Land Tax should be imposed. (3) That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to urge the Colonial Government to introduce the necessary Bills in the Colonial Parliament to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

Debate continued.

Mr. Brown's Amendment being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 14.

Mr. Bastings
" Browne (G. F. C.)
" Daniel
" Fish
" Hazlett
" Ireland
" Kinross

Mr. Lumsden
" M'Kellar
" Stout
" Sumpter
" Wilson
" Brown (J. C.) } Tellers.
" Reeves

NOES, 17.

Mr. Allan
" Clark (H.)
" de Lautour
" Haggitt
" Henderson
" M'Dermid
" M'Glashan
" M'Kenzie
" M'Neil

Mr. Reid
" Roberts
" Rogers
" Shand
Dr. Webster
Mr. Wood
" Davie } Tellers.
" M'Lean

So it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed on the original Question.

The original Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 4.			
Mr. Fish „ Rogers	|	Mr. M'Lean } Dr. Webster } Tellers.	
NOES, 23.			
Mr. Allan „ Bastings „ Browne (G. F. C.) „ Daniel „ Davie „ de Lautour „ Hazlett „ Ireland „ Kinross „ M'Dermid „ M'Glashan „ M'Kellar	|	Mr. M'Kenzie „ M'Neil „ Reeves „ Roberts „ Shand „ Stout „ Sumpter „ Wilson „ Wood „ Brown (J. C.) } „ Lumsden } Tellers.	

So it passed in the Negative.

Volunteer Land Grants.—Mr. Reeves moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to issue to Volunteers who have become entitled thereto, certificates of remission of purchase money for land, in accordance with the “Volunteer Land Act, 1865,” and the “Volunteer Land Act Amendment Act, 1873.”

A Debate ensued.

Motion made and Question proposed—That this Debate be now adjourned.—[*Mr. Allan.*]

And the Council having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Saturday morning,

(SATURDAY, MAY 30.)

And the Question for the adjournment of the Debate being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the said Debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Adjournment.—And the Council having continued to sit until seven minutes past twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, on motion of the Provincial Secretary, adjourned until two o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

Monday, June 1, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

(1.) Petition of 943 Miners and others interested in the Otago Gold Fields, praying for protection in the matter of the Maerewhenua Water case.—[*By Mr. de Lautour.*]

(2.) Petition of 33 Settlers in Forest Hill Hundred and neighborhood, praying for the bridging of Otepiri and Upper Makarewa Rivers.—[*By Mr. Wilson.*]

(3.) Petition of 24 Inhabitants of Mataura Bridge against running of Sunday Trains.—[*By Hon. Dr. Menzies.*]

(4.) Petition of Gottlieb Beissel, of Kakanui, Glue Manufacturer, praying for favorable consideration for having established a new industry.—[*By Hon. Mr. Reynolds.*]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions were given, for next sitting, by Mr. Allan; for Wednesday next, by Mr. Wilson.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fish, Provincial Secretary (2), Mr. Ireland, and Hon. Dr. Menzies; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. Ireland.

Private Petitions Committee.—Mr. H. Clark brought up Interim Report No. 14, *in re* Petition of 119 Inhabitants of Invercargill (*re* Gunn, Beer and Co.), from the Private Petitions Committee. (See *Appendix*, page 223.)

Balance Sheet.—The Provincial Treasurer laid upon the Table—The Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the twelve months ended 31st March, 1874. (See *Appendix*, page 143.)

Mr. Speaker drew attention to the fact that the said Balance Sheet and Statement were not accompanied by the usual certificate of the Provincial Auditor.

Otago Harbour Board Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—The Otago Harbour Board Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Riverton Harbour Board Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor also laid upon the Table—The Riverton Harbour Board Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Estimates, 1874-5.—*Message No. 15*, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced, and read as follows :—

MESSAGE No. 15.

The Superintendent, with the advice and consent of his Executive Council, herewith transmits to the Provincial Council, Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1875 (*), and recommends an appropriation of the Revenue accordingly.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Dunedin, 1st June, 1874.

QUESTIONS.

Prisoner Stead.—Mr. Bastings asked the Provincial Secretary—By what right, or in virtue of what Act or Regulation, the Gaoler of H.M. Gaol, Dunedin, deprived the debtor prisoner Stead of the use of pens, ink, and paper ?

The Provincial Secretary answered by reading the following memorandum from the Gaoler :

“ There is no provision in the ‘ Regulations for Debtors’ Prisons’ requiring the Gaol authorities to furnish any debtor prisoner with pens, ink, and paper. Out of kindness to Stead, I gave him pens, ink, and paper ; but finding that he made use of them so as to interfere with the discipline of the Gaol, and also attempted to convey messages out of the Gaol without my knowledge, and to contravene the Gaol Regulations, I withdrew the privilege I had accorded to him, informing him, however, that if he desired to send any written communication, he could have the use of my own office or Warder’s room for the purpose of writing. He has never made such a request to me without it being at once complied with. Whenever he wished to communicate with his solicitor, I at once not only gave him writing material, but forwarded the letters, either through the post or by the Gaol officials. I respectfully submit that I am not compelled to supply debtors with writing materials, so that they may write out scurrilous letters, attacking all in power and authority in the Colony. I may state that there is ample provision in the Gaol Regulations for any debtor prisoner, if he has any complaint whatever to make against the Gaol authorities, to profer the same to the Visiting Justices. Furthermore, every week the Visiting Justice puts the following question to each prisoner—‘ Have you any complaints to make ?’ This was put to Stead every week, and not once did he prefer any complaint against me or any of the officers. Stead has even this week stated to me that I have shewn him every kindness and indulgence.”

MOTIONS.

Petition of Settlers in Toi Toi District.—On motion of Hon. Dr. Menzies, *Resolved*—That the Petition of Settlers in the Toi Toi District, in Lower Matakura, be referred to the Provincial Government for its favorable consideration.

Site for Mechanics’ Institute, Herbert.—On motion of Mr. Teschemaker, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 9 and 10, block 22, Township of Herbert, be reserved as a site for the Mechanics’ Institute.

(*) See *Appendix*, page 167.

Land for Settlement, Waiau District.—Mr. Cumming moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Chief Surveyor be requested to lay before this Council a Report as to the suitability for settlement of that part of the Province of Otago west of the Waiau.

Mr. M'Kenzie moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words:—“And also in regard to the land through which the Orepuki to Waiau Railway line is to run.”

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That the Chief Surveyor be requested to lay before this Council a Report as to the suitability for settlement of that part of the Province of Otago west of the Waiau; and also in regard to the land through which the Orepuki to Waiau Railway line is to run.

Petition from Jacob's River District.—On motion of Mr. Cumming, *Resolved*—That the Petition of 50 Settlers in the Jacob's River District, praying for a bridge over Jacob's River, at Collie's Ford, be referred to the favorable consideration of the Government.

Makarewa Road District Petition.—Mr. Kinross moved, and the Question was proposed—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the prayer of the Petition of certain ratepayers in the Winton subdivision of the Makarewa Road District—viz., that the boundaries of road districts be so altered as to transfer Petitioners to the Mabel subdivision of the Lindhurst Road District, be granted, and the Mabel subdivision of the Lindhurst Road District be as follows:—“All that area bounded towards the north-west by the Makarewa Road District; towards the east by a line extending due south from the watershed of Dunsdale Stream, passing over Pebbly Hill to the Dunedin and Invercargill Road; towards the south-east by Lothian subdivision; and towards the south-west by Myross subdivision.”

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Fencing Railway, Bluff Harbour to Winton.—Mr. Wood moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Railway from Bluff Harbour to Winton be fenced, and that the cost of such work should be provided for out of the Loan referred to in His Honor's Address, in the event of such loan being obtained.

Motion made, and Question proposed—That the Debate be now adjourned.—[*Mr. Wilson.*]

Question of adjournment put, and passed in the Negative.

Mr. Kinross moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after “the,” line 2, and the insertion of the following in lieu thereof:—“Provincial Government be respectfully requested to ask the General Government to fence in the Railway from Bluff Harbor to Winton, seeing that this Railway forms part of the Main Trunk Line from Bluff Harbour to Kingston.”

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—it passed in the Negative. Words omitted accordingly.

Then the Question being put—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question, so amended, viz.—“That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Railway from Bluff Harbour to Winton be fenced, and that the,”—being put, it passed in the Negative.

Licensing Bill.—On motion of Mr. Davie, *Ordered*—That leave be given to bring in a Bill to be intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Otago intituled the ‘Licensing Ordinance, 1865.’”

Mr. Davie thereupon laid upon the Table the Licensing Ordinance, 1865, Amendment Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Commonage at Havelock.—On motion of Mr. G. F. C. Browne, *Resolved*—That in the opinion of this Council, it is essential that 3000 acres of land should be set aside as a permanent commonage for the township of Havelock, and that the selection of such land be left in the hands of the Government.

Mount Ida Public Works.—On motion of Mr. de Lautour, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return, showing the date of acceptance of all contracts on the Mount Ida Public Works—the time allowed for the fulfilment of each such contract, and the time already elapsed; also showing what contracts, if any, have been taken over by the Government and re-let.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Railway Resolutions.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the consideration of the proposed Railway Resolutions, in reply to Message No. 10, was resumed in Committee. (See pages 38 and 69.)

In Committee.

The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—2nd. That, in order to give special security to the Colonial Government for the repayment of the Loan, an area of 2,070,453 acres of Waste Lands be set apart, and until the Loan has been repaid, the revenues arising from the sale or rents of the lands set apart as security shall be paid from time to time in liquidation of the charges on the Loan as they may arise; but the lands set apart as security shall be liable to be sold and disposed of in the same manner in all respects as other Waste Lands of the Crown, and shall be subject to any laws which may be in force for the disposal of lands, either by sale on deferred payments or for special settlements. The proceeds of sales or leases of land set apart as security to be paid to a separate account, and to be applied towards payment of the interest falling due on the moneys raised, and to a repayment of one-twentieth in each year of the principal sum of such moneys.

Mr. Gillies moved as an Amendment—That, in order to give special security to the Province for the repayment of any money expended out of such Loan, power be obtained to levy a rate on all property that in the opinion of this Council may be benefited, so as to provide for any deficiency that may arise in working expenses, interest, or cost of construction or maintenance, and the repayment of one-twentieth part in each year of the cost of construction of any such work, as a sinking fund; and that, in order to give security to the Colonial Government for the repayment of the Loan, an area of 2,070,453 acres of Waste Lands be set apart, and until the Loan has been repaid, the revenues arising from rents of the Lands set apart as security shall be paid from time to time in liquidation of the charges on the Loan as they may arise: Provided that as each twentieth part as aforesaid of the Loan is repaid, one-twentieth part of the land shall be relieved from the burden of the mortgage, and may be dealt with for sale on deferred payments or for special settlement.

A Debate ensued.

Mr. Gillies' Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. de Lautour moved as an Amendment—That no specific blocks of Crown Land defined in the Bill for the purpose of securing any works contemplated under the above Loan, be allocated as special securities for any works other than those in connection with the Railways that are to open them up; but that all payments for any such other works proposed to be undertaken under the loan be secured either by mortgage on the Provincial land revenues, or on the joint security of rates raised in the district or corporation to be benefited, and any tolls or dues accruing from the construction of any such works.

The Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Debate resumed on the original Question.

Mr. Ireland moved—That the Question be amended by the insertion of the following words, after the word "Crown," line 7, viz., "with this exception, that in no case shall any of the lands herein proposed to be set apart be sold under the 150th clause of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872."

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 9.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ de Lautour
 „ Gillies

Mr. Green
 „ Kinross
 „ Fish
 „ Ireland } Tellers.

NOES, 20.

Mr. Allan	Mr. M'Neil
„ Clark (H.)	„ Oliver
„ Cumming	„ Rogers
„ Daniel	„ Teschemaker
„ Henderson	„ Turnbull
„ Lumsden	Dr. Webster
Hon. Dr. Menzies	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Mollison	„ Wood
„ M'Kellar	„ Reid } Tellers.
„ M'Lean	„ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Provincial Secretary moved—3rd. That the construction of the lines already authorised, and for which contracts have been accepted, be prosecuted during the current year, payment to be made from revenue or loan.

Mr Fish moved as an Amendment—That seeing the tenders for the construction of the lines of Railway referred to in Resolution No. 3, and accepted by the late Government, far exceed in amount the sum appropriated by this Council for that purpose, it is of opinion that it is desirable that such contracts, except the Green Island one, be not recognised by this Council, and that if the proposed Loan is obtained from the Assembly, then fresh tenders be called for the same.

Debate ensued.

On motion of Mr. Gillies, the Council resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Council Resumed.

Riverton Drill Shed Reserve Management Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Riverton Drill Shed Reserve Management Bill was read a second time, committed, and being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time and passed.

Lawrence Reserve Sale Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Lawrence Reserve Sale Bill was read a second time, committed, and being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time and passed.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at ten minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the following day.

Tuesday, June 2, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

(1.) Petition of George Hepburn praying that any action in reference to constituting the Wakari subdivision of the Half-way Bush Road District an independent district be postponed.—[By Mr. Henderson.]

(2.) Petition of 6 members of the Half-way Bush District Road Board praying that steps be taken to secure to the inhabitants of said District the benefit contemplated by the Council in voting the sum of £500 for the opening up of the Water of Leith Road.—[By Mr. Stout.]

(3.) Petition of W. Arrow for a modification of the law regulating the sale of alcoholic liquors.—[By Mr. M'Glashan.]

(4.) Petition of Henry M'Cay praying that steps be taken to ascertain the best route from the place known as the Old Exhibition to the present Township of Waipori.—[Provincial Secretary.]

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions, for next sitting, were given by Mr. R. Clarke, and by Mr. Green.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by the Provincial Secretary (2), Mr. Cumming, Mr. M'Glashan, Mr. Daniel (2), and by Mr. M'Kenzie; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. Cumming, Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. Ireland (2), Mr. Haggitt (for Mr. Gillies), and by Mr. Henderson.

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

- (1.) Return of moneys expended out of vote "Oamaru to Lindis," between Maerewhenua River and Lindis, ordered on motion of Mr. Sumpter, May 13. (See *Appendix*, page 262.)
- (2.) Further list of Volunteers entitled to land grants.

Balance Sheet and Statement of Expenditure.—Mr. Speaker read and laid upon the Table the following letter from the Provincial Auditor:—

" Office of Provincial Auditor,

" Dunedin, 2nd June, 1874.

" The Speaker of the Provincial Council, Dunedin.

" SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed copy of the Balance Sheet and Statement of Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1874, which was placed in my hands yesterday afternoon. I have to direct your attention to the omission in the document of the usual certificate of the Provincial Auditor, and to explain that the balance of the books has not yet been accurately brought out, and that therefore I do not feel warranted in granting such certificate. I may, however, inform you that I have examined the statement of expenditure, and believe it to be correct.

" I have, &c.,

" H. LIVINGSTON, Provincial Auditor."

Caledonian Society of Otago Incorporation Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—The Caledonian Society of Otago Incorporation Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Waste Lands Committee.—Mr. J. C. Brown brought up—Interim Reports Nos. 5 and 6, from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, viz: No. 5, *in re* sale of Land in Shag Valley; No. 6, *in re* Petition of Robert Sinclair Allan. (See *Appendix*, page 195.)

QUESTION.

Petition of Miners, Manuka Creek District.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne asked the Provincial Secretary—If the recommendations of the Gold Fields Committee, contained in Interim Report No. 2 (Session XXXII.), *in re* Petition of 42 Miners in Manuka Creek District, have been given effect to?

The Provincial Secretary answered in the affirmative.

MOTIONS.

Report on Petition of Residents, Cairn Hill District.—On motion of Mr. de Lautour, for Mr. J. C. Brown, *Resolved*—That Interim Report No. 4, from Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, upon the Petition of 33 Residents of Cairn Hill agricultural district be adopted.—Your Committee report that having had satisfactory evidence as to the character of the block of land asked for by the Petitioners, and being satisfied that the conditions of the Act as to settlement are fulfilled on Block I., Cairn Hill, recommend that a block, under the Agricultural Lease System, of 2500 acres, be declared open for settlement in that locality.

Petition of Settlers of Forest Hill Hundred.—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Resolved*—That the Petition of settlers of the Forest Hill Hundred and neighbourhood, praying for the bridging of the Otepiri and Upper Makarewa rivers be referred to the consideration of the Government.

Sale of Land in Dunedin.—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable the Provincial Secretary should explain: why the following advertised conditions (so far as regards the payment of interest on the terms payments) for the sale of certain sections in Dunedin sold on the 19th inst., viz, "Terms: 25 per cent. cash and 25 per cent. at 6, 12, and 24 months, bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum," were omitted from the conditions of sale?

Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Public Market Reserve, Lawrence.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that area in the Province of Otago, Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement three (3) roods and twenty-three (23) poles more or less; situate in the town of

Lawrence, being block numbered 65 on the map of the said town, bounded towards the north-east by Crown Lands, three hundred and twenty-nine (329) links; towards the east by a street line one hundred and twelve (112) links; towards the south-east by the Beaumont Road five hundred and forty-two (542) links; towards the north-west by Hastings street, three hundred and seventy-four (374) links; together with that area in the Province of Otago aforesaid, containing by admeasurement six (6) acres, one (1) rood, and twenty-four (24) poles, more or less, situate in the Tuapeka East District, being section numbered 7, block XX. on the map of the said District, bounded towards the north-east by Crown Lands, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight (1828) links; and by residence area two hundred and forty (240) links; towards the south-east by Hastings street, four hundred and forty-four (444) links; and by the Beaumont road, one hundred and twenty-one (121) links; towards the south-west by residence area three hundred and thirty-three (333) links, and by the Beaumont road, one thousand four hundred and thirty-three (1433) links; towards the west by a road line one hundred and seventy (170) links, be set apart for a Public Market.

Educational Reserves, Mataura Bridge.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, block 5; 31, 32, 67 and 68, block 17; and 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 10, Mataura Bridge township, be set apart for Educational purposes.

Land for Settlement on Run 369.—On motion of Mr. Ireland, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause a block of land for settlement to be opened on Run 369, above Coal Creek, in the locality reported upon by Mr. M'Kerrow last year.

Costs of Survey.—On motion of the Hon. Dr. Menzies, *Ordered*—That the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee be instructed to inquire into the costs of survey to applicants for land from 1st May, 1872, to 31st March, 1874.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Licensing Ordinance, 1865, Amendment Bill.—On motion of Mr. Davie, the Licensing Ordinance, 1865, Amendment Bill was read a second time and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read.

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—
[Mr. Wilson.]

The Question for reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 9.

Mr. Allan
" Clark (H.)
" Cumming
" de Lautour
" Henderson

Mr. M'Kenzie
" Wilson
" Browne (G. F. C.) } Tellers.
" Gillies

NOES, 16.

Mr. Davie
" Fish
" Green
" Haggitt
" Hazlett
" Ireland
" Lumsden
Hon. Dr. Menzies

Mr. M'Kellar
" M'Lean
" M'Neil
" Reid
" Roberts
" Wood
" Reeves } Tellers.
" Stout

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 2 again read. Amendment proposed—To insert the word "Railway" before the word "Refreshment," line 2.—[Mr. Gillies.]

Motion made and Question proposed—That consideration of clause 2 be postponed.—[*Mr. Wood.*]

Question for postponement of clause put and negatived.

Mr. Gillies' Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To insert after the word "granted," line 3, the words "for rooms at Railway Stations and Theatres only."—[*Mr. Gillies.*]

The Amendment being divided, Question put—That the words "for rooms at Railway Stations," proposed to be inserted, be so inserted, and resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being put—That the words "and Theatres only," proposed to be inserted, be so inserted, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 13.

Mr. Clarke (R.)		Mr. M'Lean	
" Gillies	|	" Roberts	
" Green	|	" Stout	
" Haggitt	|	" Wood	
" Hazlett	|	" Davie	} Tellers.
" Ireland	|	" Fish	
" Kinross	|		

NOES, 14.

Mr. Browne (G. F. C.)		Mr. M'Kellar	
" Cumming	|	" M'Kenzie	
" Daniel	|	" M'Neil	
" de Lautour	|	" Reid	
" Henderson	|	" Wilson	
" Lumsden	|	" Allan	} Tellers.
Hon. Dr. Menzies	|	" Clark (H.)	

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To insert "only" after "Stations."—[*Mr. Gillies.*]

Amendment agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed—To substitute "twenty" for "fifteen," last line.—[*Mr. Stout.*]

Amendment agreed to. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed—To substitute "seven" for "six," and "seven" for "eight," in the last line.—[*Mr. Stout.*]

Amendment negatived.

Another Amendment proposed—To add the following :—"Unless under special circumstances permission shall be given by a Resident Magistrate or Justice of the Peace to keep open until a later hour."—[*Mr. Haggitt.*]

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to as read.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed—To substitute the following :—"It shall be necessary and required that any house or premises for which a Refreshment Room License shall be granted shall contain at least two sitting rooms for public accommodation, but it shall not be necessary that any such premises shall be provided with sleeping rooms or stabling accommodation."—[*Mr. Gillies.*]

Amendment agreed to. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed—To add the words :—"Provided always that the provisions in section 23 of the Licensing Act, 1873, shall apply to Licenses granted under and by virtue of this Ordinance."—[*Mr. Stout.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 10.

Mr. Allan		Mr. Lumsden	
" Cumming	|	Hon. Dr. Menzies	
" Daniel	|	Mr. Wilson	
" de Lautour	|	" Gillies	} Tellers.
" Henderson	|	" Stout	

NOES, 18.

Mr. Browne (G. F. C.)
 " Clark (H.)
 " Clarke (R.)
 " Davie
 " Fish
 " Haggitt
 " Hazlett
 " Ireland
 " Kinross

Mr. M'Kellar
 " M'Lean
 " M'Neil
 " Reid
 " Rogers
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wood
 " Bastings } Tellers.
 " Green }

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause agreed to, as read.

Clauses 6, 7, 8, and Schedule, read and agreed to.

Preamble read. Amendments proposed—To omit the words "and other places where the convenience of the public would be promoted, if such rooms and places were licensed for the sale of alcoholic liquors," lines 4, 5, and 6, and the words "and places," line 7.—[*Mr. Haggitt.*]

Amendments agreed to. Preamble, as amended, agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

The Council resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.

Council Resumed.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Adjournment.—Mr. Davie moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council do now adjourn.

Mr. Davie asked leave to withdraw his motion. Leave withheld.

Debate interrupted by the adjournment at half-past five, p.m.

(SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.—COUNCIL RESUMED.)

Notice being taken that 16 members (one third of the Council) were not present, as required by Standing Order No. 18, the Council was counted, by order of Mr. Speaker, and it still appearing that 16 members were not present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the Council to the usual hour the next day, without a Question first put.

Time—Thirteen minutes past seven, p.m.

Members present—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Cumming, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Fish, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Lumsden, Hon. Dr. Menzies, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stout, Dr. Webster, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wood.

Wednesday, June 3, 1874.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers. *Minutes* read and confirmed.

Petitions.—Mr. Daniel presented a Petition from 30 Members of the Riverton Rifle Volunteer Company, praying that land certificates be granted to them. Petition read and received.

The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table a Petition (to Superintendent) from A. Macgregor, Chairman, Tapanui Progress Committee, praying for the erection of a Bridge over the Pomahaka River.

Notice of Question.—Notice of Question for next sitting was given by Mr. Ireland.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. Ireland (2), Mr. Kinross, and by the Provincial Secretary; for Friday next, by Mr. M'Neil, and by Mr. Haggitt; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. Ireland, and by Mr. M'Neil.

Private Petitions Committee.—Mr. Green brought up—Interim Report No. 15, *in re* Petition of Gottlieb Beissel, from the Private Petitions Committee. (See *Appendix* page 223.)

Bills.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—The Dunedin Presbyterian Church Lands Ordinance Amendment Bill, the Roads Diversion Bill (No. 2), and the Palmerston School Glebe Exchange Bill, which were severally read a first time, ordered to be printed, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for Friday next.

QUESTIONS.

Railway from Invercargill to Riverton.—Mr. Wilson asked the Government—Why the line of railway contracted for between Invercargill and Riverton does not go by Wallacetown but joins the Invercargill and Winton Railway at a point several miles distant from the route as shown on the map laid before the Council for its guidance when the railway resolutions were under consideration last Session?

The Provincial Secretary answered—As far as I can gather this line has not yet been definitely fixed, but further enquiry will be made and an answer given to-morrow.

Wakatip Commonage.—Mr. R. Clarke asked the Government—How it proposes to manage the remaining portion of the Wakatip Commonage?

The Provincial Secretary answered—The Government desires to manage the Commonage to the best advantage to the district, and would be glad to receive suggestions from the Members for the said District.

Main North Road, N. E. Valley.—Mr. Green asked the Provincial Secretary—If it is the intention of the Government to make provision in the Estimates to be submitted for the current year's expenditure to metal that part of the Main North Trunk Road in the N. E. Valley that has been lately widened and not metalled?

The Provincial Secretary answered—I believe provision has been made in the present Estimates for this work.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Committee of Supply.—On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the Council resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee.

The Provincial Treasurer made his Financial Statement, and moved the items under the head "Loans," (Division No. 1.), which were agreed to as printed. (See *Appendix*, page 168.)

Superintendent and Executive Council, (Division No. 2), £4325—read.

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—
[*Mr. Fish.*]

The Question for reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 16.

Mr. Bastings
" Brown (J. C.)
" Browne (G. F. C.)
" Clark (H.)
" Clarke (R.)
" de Lautour
" Gillies
" Green

Mr. Hazlett
" Ireland
" Kinross
" M'Dermid
" Oliver
" Turton
" Fish } Tellers.
" Reeves }

NOES, 18.

Mr. Allan
" Cumming
" Davie
" Haggitt
" Henderson
" Lumsden
Hon. Dr. Menzies
Mr. M'Kellar
" M'Lean

Mr. M'Neil
" Roberts
" Rogers
" Shand
" Turnbull
" Wilson
" Wood
" Reid } Tellers.
Dr. Webster }

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered—That the items in this division be taken separately.

Item, "Superintendent, £1000," read. Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by the sum of one farthing.—[*Mr. Fish.*]

Amendment negatived.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Brown the Council resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Council resumed.

Resignation of Mr. Speaker.—The Council having resumed, Mr. Speaker intimated that in consequence of certain remarks made by members of the Government in the Committee, he had forwarded a letter to His Honor the Superintendent as follows:—

Provincial Council Chambers

Dunedin, June 3, 1874.

His Honor the Superintendent, Province of Otago.

Sir,—An expression of opinion was given to-day by a Member of the Government that a ruling that I had given on a previous sitting, although supported by the Council, "was against all precedent and totally unjustifiable." It is not my intention, as it would be destructive of all weight attached to the office, to lie under the imputation that is, in such an expression, conveyed, and I therefore hereby beg to tender you my resignation of the office I hold.

I have, &c.,

JOHN L. GILLIES, Speaker.

Mr. McGlashan moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council do now adjourn until two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker having expressed a desire that the Council should not adjourn on account his resignation, the Question of adjournment was put, and passed in the Negative.

MOTIONS.

Site for Atheneum, Mataura Bridge.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 1 and 15, block V., Mataura Bridge Township, be set apart as a site for an Athenæum.

Recreation Reserve, Mataura Bridge.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 39, 40, and 41, block XVII., Mataura Bridge Township, be set apart for purposes of Public Recreation for the inhabitants of the Township.

Gunn, Beer, & Co.—Mr. Cumming moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Petition of the inhabitants of Riverton, in the matter of the Contract of Messrs. Gunn, Beer, and Harvey, be referred to the Government, with a view to such relief being granted to Messrs. Gunn, Beer and Harvey as the circumstances of the case may demand.

Mr. Allan moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Government."

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question so amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Petition of W. H. Arrow.—On motion of Mr. McGlashan, *Ordered*—That the consideration of the Petition of W. H. Arrow be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Sale of Town Lands, Riverton.—On motion of Mr. Daniel, *Resolved*—That this Council resolves to ask the concurrence of His Honor the Superintendent in the following resolutions, viz.: 1st. That the remaining unsold town land in the town of Riverton, district of Southland, be offered for sale by auction at the upset price of Ten Pounds the quarter-acre, in terms of Section (2) of the Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Act, 1872. 2nd. That the sales of the above-mentioned lands shall take place at the Court House, Riverton, Southland.

Township of Orepuki.—On motion of Mr. Daniel, *Resolved*—That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that a township should be laid off at the Orepuki Gold Field, in the district of

Southland; the size of the sections to be one half acre, and the upset price £5 per section; and that in such township provision be made for Reserves, suitable for recreation purposes, school requirements, Cemetery, Hospital, Athenæum, and other public purposes.

Immigration Depot, Palmerston.—On motion of Mr. M'Kenzie, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to urge upon the Colonial Government the necessity of erecting and establishing a branch depot for immigrants at Palmerston.

ORDERS OF THE DAY RESUMED.

Railway Resolutions.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the consideration of the proposed Railway Resolutions, in reply to Message No. 10, was resumed in Committee.

In Committee.

Debate resumed on Resolution No. 3 (see page 79), and Mr. Fish's Amendment thereon as follows:—That seeing the tenders for the construction of the lines of Railway referred to in Resolution No. 3; and accepted by the Government, far exceeds in amount the sum appropriated by this Council for that purpose, it is of opinion that it is desirable that such contracts except the Green Island one be not recognised by this Council; and that if the proposed loan is obtained from the Assembly then fresh tenders be called for the same.

Mr. Fish's Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 7.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ de Lautour
 „ Fish

Mr. M'Dermid
 „ Davie
 „ Teschemaker } Tellers.

NOES, 27.

Mr. Allan
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ Driver
 „ Gillies
 „ Green
 „ Haggitt
 „ Hazlett
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies

Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Kenzie
 „ M'Lean
 „ M'Neil
 „ Oliver
 „ Rogers
 „ Shand
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Reid
 „ Stout } Tellers.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Gillies moved—That the Question be amended by omitting the words “from revenue or,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “out of.”

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 22.

Mr. Allan
 „ Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ Driver
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Dermid
 „ M'Kellar
 „ M'Lean
 „ M'Neil
 „ Oliver

Mr. Reid
 „ Rogers
 „ Shand
 „ Stout
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Davie
 „ Haggitt } Tellers

NOES, 13.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. Hazlett
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	„ Henderson
„ Clark (H.)	„ Ireland
„ Clarke (R.)	„ M'Kenzie
„ de Lautour	„ Brown (J. C.) } Tellers
„ Fish	„ Gillies
„ Green	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—
[Mr. M'Kenzie.]

The Question for reporting progress being put, the Committee divided :—

AYES, 9.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. Fish
„ Brown (J. C.)	„ Hazlett
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	„ Green } Tellers
„ Clarke (R.)	„ M'Kenzie
„ de Lautour	

NOES, 24.

Mr. Allan	Mr. M'Lean
„ Cumming	„ M'Neil
„ Daniel	„ Reid
„ Davie	„ Rogers
„ Haggitt	„ Shand
„ Henderson	„ Stout
„ Ireland	„ Teschemaker
„ Kinross	„ Turnbull
„ Lumsden	„ Wilson
Hon. Dr. Menzies	„ Wood
Mr. M'Dermid	„ Oliver } Tellers.
„ M'Kellar	Dr. Webster

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4.

The original Question being again proposed, viz. :—3rd. That the construction of lines already authorised, and for which contracts have been accepted, be prosecuted during the current year, payment to be made from revenue or loan,

Mr. J. C. Brown moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “or sales of special sections, not exceeding 320 acres in extent, of land contiguous to the lines of railway.”

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—
[Mr. Fish.]

Question of reporting progress put and negatived.

Mr. J. C. Brown's Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Then the original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary the Council resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Council resumed.

Resignation of Mr. Speaker.—The Council having resumed, Mr. Speaker, referring to the intimation he had given at an earlier stage of the proceedings, stated, that in accordance with the rules of the Council he now begged to tender his resignation to the Council.

Mr. Gillies thereupon left the Chair.

On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, *Resolved*—That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair for the remainder of the sitting.

The Chairman of Committees (Mr. M'Glashan) in the Chair.

Mr. Wilson moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council do now adjourn until two o'clock p.m. this day.

The Question of adjournment being put, it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Chairman of Committees left the Chair, in order that the provisions of Standing Order No. 10 be complied with in regard to the election of a Speaker.

The Provincial Secretary (addressing the Clerk) moved, and the Provincial Treasurer seconded—That this Council, having every confidence in the impartiality of Mr. Gillies as Speaker of this Council, respectfully requests that he will again allow himself to be nominated to that office.

The Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative, *nem. con.*

Mr. Gillies having intimated, after explanation, his willingness to be nominated,

The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Provincial Treasurer seconded—That John Lillie Gillies, Esquire, do take the Chair of this Council as Speaker.

No other member being proposed as Speaker, Mr. Gillies was declared duly elected without a question being put, and being conducted to the Chair, expressed his acknowledgement for the honor conferred upon him, and thereupon took his seat in the Chair.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council at five minutes past one o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the same day.

Thursday, June 4, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Election of Speaker.—Message No. 16 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced, and read by the Clerk as follows:—

MESSAGE NO. 16.

The Superintendent intimates to the Provincial Council that he has confirmed their election of John Lillie Gillies, Esquire, as Speaker.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

4th June, 1874.

Prayers.—Mr. Speaker then read the usual form of Prayer.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Petition.—Mr. Stout presented a Petition from 17 Members of the Otago Volunteer Force, praying for the granting of land certificates. Petition received.

Notice of Question.—Notice of Question was given for next sitting by Mr Henderson.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given for next sitting by the Provincial Secretary (3), by Mr. Kinross, and by Mr. Stout; for Monday next, by Mr. Fish; for Committee of Supply by Mr. H. Clark (2), Mr. Teschemaker, Mr. R. Clarke, and by Mr. Kinross (2).

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Return of contracts for Mount Ida Public Works, ordered on motion of Mr. de Lautour, June 1.

Volunteer Land Grants.—Message No. 17 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced and read as follows:—

MESSAGE No. 17.

Referring to Message No. 12 relative to Volunteer Land Grants as to the expediency of continuing which there seems to be much difference of opinion, the Superintendent ventures to suggest that the question might be met by a money appropriation sufficient in amount to cover a cash payment of say ten pounds (£10) to each claimant. Should the Provincial Council concur in this suggestion, the Superintendent will be prepared to place the necessary amount on the Supplementary Estimates.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

Dunedin, 4th June, 1874.

Ordered—That the consideration of said Message be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Bills.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table the Hospital Bill, and the Port Chalmers School Reserve Sale Bill, which were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for Monday next.

Mount Benger District.—Mr. Ireland asked the Government—(1) If it is intended to lay off a site for a Cemetery at Waikaka? (2) If it is intended to send a surveyor to the head of the Teviot River, for the purpose of reporting as to the practicability of constructing a dam for the storage of water for summer use? (3) If it is intended to open up a road to the Roxburgh Commonage?

The Provincial Secretary answered—(1) As soon as a survey is made in this locality, the surveyors will be instructed to lay off a Cemetery Reserve, if required. (2) This would have been done last recess, had the surveyors not been too much occupied with more urgent work. Government will endeavour to obtain an Engineer's Report during the present year. (3) Government is anxious to open a proper road, but there are difficulties in the way of making such a road as would be most advantageous to the people for whose benefit the Commonage was intended.

Railway between Invercargill and Riverton.—With reference to the question asked by Mr. Wilson at the previous sitting, as to line of Railway from Invercargill to Riverton, the Provincial Secretary further stated that the line was contracted for, but at the time the resolution was passed last Session there were no data to guide the adoption of any particular line. The Engineer was not responsible for any plan laid upon the Table last year.

MOTIONS.

Agricultural Settlement on the Gold Fields.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that provision be made in the Gold Fields regulations of this Province to enable holders of Miner's Rights to occupy, by virtue of certificates granted by the Warden, for purposes of cultivation, an area of land upon any Gold Field not exceeding in any one case ten (10) acres. Such land to be held subject to resumption for mining purposes without compensation; except as against fence or crop; that the certificate be annual, and the land be chargeable with rent at the rate of not exceeding one shilling per acre per annum, payable in advance: And that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to give effect to this resolution.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Land on Captain Logan's Run.—Mr. Ireland moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to reopen negotiations with Captain Logan, with a view to the re-purchase of land on that gentleman's Run, known to be payably auriferous.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

[AYES, 8.

Mr. Bastings
" Clarke (R.)
Hon. Dr. Menzies
Mr. M'Dermid

Mr. Wilson
" Wood
" Fish
" Ireland } Tellers.

NOES, 9.

Mr. Clark (H.)
 „ Haggitt
 „ M'Lean
 „ Rogers
 „ Stout

Mr. Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Lumsden } Tellers.
 „ Reid }

So it passed in the Negative.

Land for Settlement, Waikaia and Miller's Flat.—Mr. Ireland moved, and the Question was proposed—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that a block of 2500 acres of land, for settlement under the Agricultural Lease System, be opened on Grant's Run, Waikaia Valley; also that a block of like extent, and really fit for agriculture, be opened on Captain Henderson's Run, Miller's Flat.

The Provincial Secretary moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after “that,” in the second line, and the insertion of the following in lieu thereof, viz. :—“a block of land fit for agriculture be opened on Captain Henderson's Run, Miller's Flat.”

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that a block of land fit for agriculture be opened on Captain Henderson's Run, Miller's Flat.

Makarewa and Lindhurst Roads Districts.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That in the event of the Makarewa Road Board and the Lindhurst Road Board agreeing to a transfer of proposed area, this Council recommends His Honor the Superintendent, in compliance with petition of ratepayers, to alter the boundaries of Winton sub-division of Makarewa Road District, so that the boundaries of the Mabel sub-division of the Lindhurst Road District shall read as follows:—All that area bounded towards north-west by the Makarewa Road District; towards the east by a line extending due south from the watershed of Dunsdale Stream, passing over Pebbly Hill to the Dunedin and Invercargill Road; towards the south-east by Lothian sub-division; and towards the south-west by Myross sub-division.

Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872.—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to introduce in the General Assembly, at its next Session, a Bill to amend the Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, in the following particulars, viz. :—

(1.) That Clause 47 be amended by striking out the words—“Provided that the area to be so set apart shall not exceed thirty thousand acres in any one year.”

(2.) That Clause 49 be amended as follows:—“Except as hereinafter mentioned, any person may, on such day, and during such hours as the office at which the application is to be made is open for the receipt of applications, apply personally to a Land Officer acting in any district for a license to occupy an allotment of Waste Lands in any block of land proclaimed or set apart for the purpose as hereinafter provided, or in any Hundred containing such block, and shall at such time deposit the fee for one half-year's occupation, as hereinafter provided. Every application shall, so far as the features of the country and the survey of the Province will admit, be of a rectangular form, and of a depth not less than twice the length of the frontage.

The Question being put on the first Resolution, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being proposed on the second Resolution,

Mr. M'Glashan moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the words—“and that the price of land on the deferred payment system and cash purchase be at the rate of forty shillings per acre.”

The Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. M'Neil moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words—“and that clause 55 be so amended as to allow an applicant to take up 500 acres instead of 200 acres.”

Mr. M'Neil's Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Debate interrupted by the adjournment at half-past five p.m.

(SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M. COUNCIL RESUMED.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Committee of Supply.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee.

Consideration of Estimates resumed, under head "Superintendent and Executive Council." (*Division No. 2.*)

Item "Superintendent, £1000," read and agreed to.

Item "Secretary and Storekeeper, £350," read. Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £50.—[*Mr. Fish.*] Amendment negatived. Item agreed to as read.

Item "Provincial Secretary and Secretary for Lands and Works, £600," read. Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £100.—[*Mr. Fish.*] Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Item agreed to as read.

Item "Provincial Treasurer, £400," read and agreed to.

Item "Secretary for Gold Fields, £400," read. Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £399.—[*Mr. Fish.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 7.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Hazlett

Mr. M'Kenzie
 „ de Lautour } Tellers.
 „ Fish

NOES, 21.

Mr. Allan
 „ Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Henderson
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. Mollison
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Kellar
 „ M'Lean

Mr. M'Neil
 „ Reid
 „ Rogers
 „ Stout
 „ Sumpter
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Haggitt } Tellers.
 „ Turnbull

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £398.—[*Mr. Fish.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 5.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Hazlett

Mr. de Lautour } Tellers.
 „ Fish

NOES, 21.

Mr. Allan
 „ Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Kinross
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. Mollison
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Lean

Mr. M'Neil
 „ Reid
 „ Rogers
 „ Stout
 „ Sumpter
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Lumsden } Tellers.
 „ Turnbull

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £397.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 5.

Mr. Browne (G. F. C.)	|	Mr. Brown (J. C.)	} Tellers.
„ de Lautour		„ Fish	
„ Hazlett			

NOES, 21.

Mr. Allan	|	Mr. Reid	} Tellers.
„ Cumming		„ Rogers	
„ Daniel		„ Stout	
„ Hallenstein		„ Sumpter	
„ Ireland		„ Turnbull	
„ Lumsden		Dr. Webster	
„ Mollison		Mr. Wilson	
„ M'Dermid		„ Wood	
„ M'Kellar		„ Davie	
„ M'Lean		Hon. Dr. Menzies	
„ M'Neil			

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £396.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.		Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
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NOES, 19.

Mr. Allan		Mr. Reid	} Tellers.
„ Cumming		„ Stout	
„ Daniel		„ Sumpter	
„ Hallenstein		„ Turnbull	
„ Ireland		Dr. Webster	
„ Lumsden		Mr. Wilson	
„ Mollison		„ Wood	
„ M'Kellar		„ Davie	
„ M'Lean		Hon. Dr. Menzies	
„ M'Neil			

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Question for reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.		Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
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NOES, 19.

Mr. Allan		Mr. Reid	} Tellers.
„ Cumming		„ Stout	
„ Daniel		„ Sumpter	
„ Hallenstein		„ Turnbull	
„ Henderson		Dr. Webster	
„ Ireland		Mr. Wilson	
„ Lumsden		„ Wood	
„ Mollison		Hon. Dr. Menzies	
„ M'Lean		Mr. M'Kellar	
„ M'Neil			

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £395.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.

Mr. de Lautour—Teller.

NOES, 16.

Mr. Cumming
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 „ M'Lean
 „ M'Neil
 „ Reid

Mr. Stout
 „ Sumpter
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 Hon. Dr. Menzies } Tellers.
 Mr. M'Kellar }

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress and ask leave to sit again presently.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Question for reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 12.

Mr. Bastings
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Fish
 „ Green
 „ Hazlett

Mr. M'Kenzie
 „ Reeves
 „ Shand
 „ Turton
 „ Brown (J. C.) } Tellers.
 „ de Lautour }

NOES, 20.

Mr. Allan
 „ Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. Mollison
 „ M'Kellar

Mr. M'Lean
 „ M'Neil
 „ Reid
 „ Rogers
 „ Stout
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Sumpter } Tellers.
 „ Wood }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £394.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Question for reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 10.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ de Lautour
 „ Fish
 „ Green

Mr. Hazlett
 „ M'Kenzie
 „ Turton
 „ Bastings } Tellers.
 „ M'Dermid }

NOES, 18.

Mr. Allan
 „ Daniel
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Kinross
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. Mollison
 „ M'Kellar

Mr. M'Lean
 „ M'Neil
 „ Shand
 „ Sumpter
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Stout } Tellers.
 „ Wood }

So it passed in the Negative.

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.

Mr. de Lautour—Teller.

NOES, 17.

Mr. Allan
 „ Daniel
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Kinross
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Neil

Mr. Reid
 „ Shand
 „ Sumpter
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Stout } Tellers.
 „ Wood }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £393.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—
 [*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Question for reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 3.

Mr. Turton

Mr. Brown (J. C.) } Tellers.
 „ de Lautour }

NOES, 18.

Mr. Allan
 „ Daniel
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Neil
 „ Reid

Mr. Shand
 „ Stout
 „ Sumpter
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Kinross } Tellers.
 „ Rogers }

So it passed in the Negative.

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.

Mr. de Lautour—Teller.

NOES, 16.

Mr. Allan
 „ Daniel
 „ Henderson
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Neil
 „ Reid

Mr. Stout
 „ Sumpter
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 Mr. Wood
 „ Ireland } Tellers.
 „ Rogers }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £392.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—
 [*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Question of reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 3.

Mr. Turton

Mr. Brown (J. C.) } Tellers.
 „ de Lautour }

NOES, 15.

Mr. Daniel		Mr. Stout	
" Davie		" Sumpter	
" Henderson		Dr. Webster	
" Lumsden		Mr. Wilson	
Hon. Dr. Menzies		" Wood	
Mr. M'Kellar		" Allan	} Tellers.
" M'Neil		" Ireland	
" Reid			

So it passed in the Negative.

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.		Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
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NOES, 14.

Mr. Allan		Mr. Reid	
" Daniel		" Stout	
" Henderson		" Turnbull	
" Lumsden		Dr. Webster	
Hon. Dr. Menzies		Mr. Wilson	
Mr. M'Kellar		" Davie	} Tellers.
" M'Neil		" Sumpter	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning—

FRIDAY, JUNE 5.

Item "Secretary for Gold Fields, £400," again read.

Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £391.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.		Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
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NOES, 16.

Mr. Allan		Mr. M'Neil	
" Daniel		" Rogers	
" Davie		" Sumpter	
" Henderson		" Turnbull	
" Ireland		Dr. Webster	
" Lumsden		Mr. Wilson	
Hon. Dr. Menzies		" Reid	} Tellers.
Mr. M'Kellar		" Stout	

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £390.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.		Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
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NOES, 16.

Mr. Allan		Mr. M'Neil	
" Daniel		" Rogers	
" Davie		" Sumpter	
" Henderson		" Turnbull	
" Ireland		Dr. Webster	
" Lumsden		Mr. Wilson	
Hon. Dr. Menzies		" Reid	} Tellers.
Mr. M'Kellar		" Stout	

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £389.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

	AYES, 2.	
Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.	|	Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
	NOES, 15.	
Mr. Allan	|	Mr. Sumpter
„ Daniel		„ Turnbull
„ Henderson		Dr. Webster
„ Ireland		Mr. Wilson
„ Lumsden		„ Wood
Hon. Dr. Menzies		„ Reid } Tellers.
Mr. M'Kellar		„ Stout }
„ M'Neil		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £388.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

	AYES, 2.	
Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.	|	Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
	NOES, 16.	
Mr. Allan	|	Mr. Rogers
„ Daniel		„ Sumpter
„ Davie		„ Turnbull
„ Henderson		Dr. Webster
„ Ireland		Mr. Wilson
„ Lumsden		„ Wood
„ M'Kellar		„ Reid } Tellers.
„ M'Neil		„ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £387.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

	AYES, 2.	
Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.	|	Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
	NOES, 16.	
Mr. Allan	|	Mr. Rogers
„ Daniel		„ Sumpter
„ Davie		„ Turnbull
„ Henderson		Dr. Webster
„ Ireland		Mr. Wilson
„ Lumsden		„ Wood
„ M'Kellar		„ Reid } Tellers.
„ M'Neil		„ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £386.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

	AYES, 2.	
Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.	|	Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
	NOES, 17.	
Mr. Allan	|	Mr. Rogers
„ Daniel		„ Sumpter
„ Davie		„ Turnbull
„ Henderson		Dr. Webster
„ Ireland		Mr. Wilson
„ Lumsden		„ Wood
Hon. Dr. Menzies		„ Reid } Tellers.
Mr. M'Kellar		„ Stout }
„ M'Neil		

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £385.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.

Mr. de Lautour—Teller.

NOES, 15.

Mr. Allan
 „ Daniel
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Neil

Mr. Sumpter
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Reid } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £384.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.

Mr. de Lautour—Teller.

NOES, 16.

Mr. Daniel
 „ Davie
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Lean

Mr. M'Neil
 „ Sumpter
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Reid } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £382.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.

Mr. de Lautour—Teller.

NOES, 15.

Mr. Daniel
 „ Gillies
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Lean

Mr. M'Neil
 „ Sumpter
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Reid } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £381.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.

Mr. de Lautour—Teller.

NOES, 15.

Mr. Daniel
 „ Gillies
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden
 Hon. Dr. Menzies
 Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Lean

Mr. M'Neil
 „ Reid
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Stout } Tellers
 „ Sumpter }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £380—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.	
Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.	Mr. de Lautour—Teller
NOES, 16.	
Mr. Allan „ Daniel „ Gillies „ Henderson „ Ireland „ Lumsden Hon. Dr. Menzies Mr. M'Kellar	Mr. M'Lean „ M'Neil „ Sumpter „ Turnbull „ Wilson „ Wood „ Reid } Tellers. „ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £379.—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.	
Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.	Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
NOES, 15.	
Mr. Allan „ Daniel „ Gillies „ Henderson „ Ireland „ Lumsden „ M'Kellar	Mr. M'Lean „ M'Neil „ Sumpter „ Turnbull „ Wilson „ Wood Hon. Dr. Menzies } Tellers. Mr. Reid }

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £378.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.	
Mr. Brown (J. C.)—Teller.	Mr. de Lautour—Teller.
NOES, 16.	
Mr. Allan „ Daniel „ Gillies „ Henderson „ Ireland „ Lumsden Hon. Dr. Menzies Mr. M'Kellar	Mr. M'Lean „ M'Neil „ Sumpter „ Turnbull „ Wilson „ Wood „ Reid } Tellers. „ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

The Chairman, at half-past two a.m., left the Chair for one hour, and on the Committee resuming,

The item “Secretary for Gold Fields, £400,” was again read; and the Question being put—That the item as read be agreed to, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 17.	
Mr. Allan „ Daniel „ Davie „ Gillies „ Ireland „ Lumsden Hon. Dr. Menzies Mr. M'Kellar „ M'Lean	Mr. M'Neil „ Rogers „ Turnbull Dr. Webster „ Wilson „ Wood „ Reid } Tellers. „ Stout }

NOES, 3.

Mr. Turton

Mr. Brown (J. C.) } Tellers.
„ de Lautour }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Item “Provincial Solicitor, £400,” read. Amendment proposed—To reduce the amount by £399.—[*Mr. Green.*] Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Item agreed to as read.

Remaining items under the head “Superintendent and Executive Council” read and agreed to, viz. :—

Two non-official Members	...	...	£250	0	0
Clerk to Executive Council and Under-Secretary	...	...	450	0	0
Chief Clerk	...	...	325	0	0
Clerk and Draughtsman	...	...	150	0	0

Subdivision No. 1 :—

Printing and Stationery	...	...	50	0	0
Clerical Assistance for Provincial Solicitor	...	...	250	0	0
Incidental Expenses	...	...	20	0	0

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Adjournment.—And the Council having continued to sit until ten minutes past four o'clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Provincial Secretary, adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the same day.

Friday, June 5, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. *Minutes* read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

(1.) Petition of 8 Members of the Portobello Rifle Volunteer Company, praying for remission certificates under the Volunteer Land Acts.—[*By Mr. Stout.*]

(2.) Petition of 21 Members of No. 1 Company 3rd Battalion, Otago Rifle Volunteers, (Oamaru Rifle Rangers, praying for remission certificates under the Volunteer Land Acts.—[*By Mr. Sumpter.*]

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by Mr. J. C. Brown, the Provincial Secretary, Mr. Reeves (2), Mr. Wood, Dr. Webster, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. G. F. C. Browne; for Tuesday next, by the Provincial Treasurer; for Wednesday next, by Mr. Driver; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. Sumpter, and by Mr. Fish (2).

Private Petitions Committee.—Mr. H. Clark brought up—Interim Reports Nos. 16, 17, and 18 from the Private Petitions Committee, viz. :—No. 16 *in re* Petition of John Walker; No. 17 *in re* Petition of John Cowe Esther; and No. 18 *in re* Petition of Hori Karei Taiaroa. (See *Appendix*, pages 223 and 224.)

Volunteer Land Grants.—Message No. 18 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced, and read as follows :—

MESSAGE No. 18.

The Superintendent transmits a further list of names of Volunteers who claim remission of purchase money on land.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

5th June, 1874.

QUESTION.

Clutha River Trust Reserve.—Mr. Henderson asked the Secretary for Lands—If the Crown Grant has yet been issued for the Clutha River Trust reserve: if not, what steps the Government intends taking to induce the General Government to issue the same?

The Provincial Secretary answered to the effect that the Crown Grant had not yet been granted, although repeated applications had been made, and resolutions passed by the Council directing attention to the matter; and that the Government would probably submit some proposal on the subject before the close of the Session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Committee of Supply.—On motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the Council again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee.

Consideration of Estimates resumed at Division 3 "Provincial Council."

The whole of the items in the respective Divisions and Sub-divisions, from the head "Provincial Council" to that of "North Otago District Public Works Loan," both inclusive were severally read and agreed to as printed. (See *Appendix*, pages 169 to 186.)

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

Council Resumed.

Petition of W. H. Arrow.—On motion of Mr. M'Glashan, *Ordered*—That the Order of the Day for the consideration of the Petition of W. H. Arrow be discharged from the Order Paper.

MOTIONS.

Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872.—Interrupted Debate resumed on the Question—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to introduce into the General Assembly, at its next Session, a Bill to amend the Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, in the following particulars, viz:—

(1.) That Clause 47 be amended by striking out the words: "Provided that the area to be so set apart shall not exceed thirty thousand acres in any one year."

(2.) That Clause 49 be amended as follows:—"Except as hereinafter mentioned, any person may, on such day, and during such hours as the office at which the application is to be made is open for the receipt of applications, apply personally to a Land Officer acting in any district for a license to occupy an allotment of Waste Lands in any block of land proclaimed or set apart for the purpose as hereinafter provided, or in any Hundred containing such block, and shall at such time deposit the fee for one half-year's occupation, as hereinafter provided. Every application shall, so far as the features of the country and the survey of the Province will admit, be of a rectangular form, and of a depth not less than twice the length of the frontage.—[*Provincial Secretary.*]

The Question being put upon the second resolution, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the whole Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Site for School Buildings, Wyndham.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Sections 10, 11, 12, and 13, block 3, Wyndham, be set apart as a site for School Buildings.

Site for Public Buildings, Waikaia.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, and 21, block 18, Waikaia Township, be reserved as a site for Public Buildings.

Sanitary Report.—Mr. M'Kellar moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that some competent medical gentleman be appointed to inspect and report upon the sanitary condition of the various towns in the Province, with a view to a general report upon the subject being laid before the Council at its next Session.

Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Road Boards Subsidy.—Mr. Kinross moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting there be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates such sum as will enable the Provincial Government to pay to Road Boards the usual subsidy of £1 for £1, in addition to the £1 for £1 paid by the General Government.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Committee of Supply.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee.

Contingent Notices of Motions considered.

Works, Lakes District.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £1500 be placed on the Estimates for the following purposes:—

(1.) The formation of a Bridle Track between Arthur's Point and Long Gully, on the Shotover River.

(2.) The construction of a Light Bridge over the Shotover River, at Maori Point, and the formation of a Bridle Track thence to Skipper's Terrace, on the east side of the river.

The Question being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 7.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
" Daniel
" Fish
" Hazlett

Mr. Wilson
" Clarke (R.) } Tellers.
" de Lautour }

NOES, 18.

Mr. Clark (H.)
" Driver
" Green
" Henderson
" Ireland
" Kinross
" Lumsden
Hon. Dr. Menzies
Mr. M'Kellar

Mr. M'Lean
" M'Neil
" Rogers
" Sumpter
" Turnbull
Dr. Webster
Mr. Wood
" Reid } Tellers.
" Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—
[Mr. Fish.]

The Question for reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 16.

Mr. Bastings
" Brown (J. C.)
" Browne (G. F. C.)
" Clark (H.)
" Clarke (R.)
" de Lautour
" Driver
" Green

Mr. Henderson
" Ireland
" Kinross
" M'Kenzie
" Sumpter
" Wilson
" Fish } Tellers.
" Reeves }

NOES, 13.

Mr. Daniel
" Hazlett
" Lumsden
Hon. Dr. Menzies
Mr. M'Kellar
" M'Lean
" M'Neil

Mr. Rogers
" Turnbull
Dr. Webster
Mr. Wood
" Reid } Tellers.
" Stout }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

Monday, June 8, 1874.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

- (1.) Petition of 144 Inhabitants of Maerewhenua District, praying for the erection of a bridge over the Maerewhenua, in connection with the Awamoka Railway.—[By Mr. Sumpter.]
- (2.) Petition of Mary Rutherford (widow), setting forth the circumstances under which her late husband lost his life, and praying for favorable consideration.—[By Mr. H. Clark.]
- (3.) Petition of 47 Residents in the Otepopo District, praying that certain portions of the Main North Road be made suitable for bullock traffic.—[By Mr. Teschemaker.]

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Sumpter, Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. R. Clarke, and by Mr. Fish; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. R. Clarke (2), and by Mr. Kinross.

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Return of Pastoral Leases in the Province of Otago (exclusive of the Southland District)—Ordered on motion of Mr. J. C. Brown, May 6. (See *Appendix*.)

Tenders for Light Railways.—Mr. Fish brought up—Report of, and evidence taken by, the Select Committee on Tenders for construction of Light Railways, and Expenditure on Road, Tokomairiro to Tuapeka. (See *Appendix*, page 199.)

Gold Fields Committee.—Mr. Bastings brought up—Interim Report No. 8 from the Gold Fields Committee, *in re* Petition of 948 Miners and others interested in the Gold Fields. (See *Appendix*, page 229.)

Waste Lands Committee.—Mr. J. C. Brown brought up—Interim Report No. 7 from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, *in re* Petition of Roxburgh Land Committee. (See *Appendix*, page 227.)

MOTIONS.

Railway Survey, Southern Trunk to Catlin's River District.—On motion of Mr. M'Neil *Resolved*—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that during the recess a flying survey be made of a branch line of light Railway, from whatever point of Southern Trunk may be thought most desirable to Catlin's River District.

Licensing Laws.—Mr. Haggitt moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council, the Licensing Laws at present in force in this Province should be amended in the following particulars, viz. :—

- (1.) That provision should be made for the transfer of Publicans' Licenses between the times of the sittings of the Licensing Court.
- (2.) That provision should be made for opening Public-houses on Sundays, between the hours of 1 and 3 in the afternoon, and 8 and 10 in the evening, but so that the bar doors be kept closed entirely on those days.
- (3.) That a License having been once granted, personal application for the renewal of such License should not be necessary or required, unless notice of objection to the renewal thereof has been served on the Clerk of the Court, and also on the Licensee, a reasonable time before the sitting of the Licensing Court; and if no objection to the renewal of a License be so served, the License should be renewed as a matter of course.

(4.) That the system of Bottle Licenses be discontinued, and that the minimum quantity of liquor of any description which may be sold under a Wholesale License be reduced to one one gallon.

Ordered—That the Resolutions be put *seriatim*.

And the Question being proposed on No. 1, Mr. Stout moved—That the Question be amended by the insertion of the words “and Bottle,” after the word “Publicans’.”

A Debate ensued.

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 21.

Mr. Clark (H.)		Mr. M'Lean	
” Davie		” M'Neil	
” Hallenstein		” Reid	
” Hazlett		” Sumpter	
” Henderson		” Turnbull	
” Ireland		Dr. Webster	
” Kinross		Mr. Wilson	
” Lumsden		” Wood	
Hon. Dr. Menzies		” Fish	} Tellers.
Mr. M'Kellar		” Stout	
” M'Kenzie			

NOES, 11.

Mr. Allan		Mr. Green	
” Bastings		” Reeves	
” Browne (G. F. C.)		” Rogers	
” Clarke (R.)		” Haggitt	} Tellers.
” Daniel		” Turton	
” de Lautour			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being put—That the 2nd Resolution stand part of the Question, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 11.

Mr. Bastings		Mr. Rogers	
” Browne (G. F. C.)		” Turton	
” Clarke (R.)		” Wood	
” Hallenstein		” Fish	} Tellers.
” M'Lean		” Haggitt	
” Reeves			

NOES, 19.

Mr. Allan		Mr. M'Kellar	
” Clark (H.)		” M'Kenzie	
” Cumming		” M'Neil	
” Daniel		” Sumpter	
” Davie		” Turnbull	
Mr. de Lautour		Dr. Webster	
” Green		Mr. Wilson	
” Henderson		” Reid	} Tellers.
” Lumsden		” Stout	
Hon. Dr. Menzies			

So it passed in the Negative.

The Question being put—That the 3rd Resolution stand part of the Question, the Council divided, where there voted :—

AYES, 15.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. Reeves
" Brown (J. C.)	" Reid
" Browne (G. F. C.)	" Rogers
" Clark (R.)	" Turnbull
" Davie	" Wood
" Fish	" Haggitt } Tellers.
" Green	" Turton }
" M'Lean	

NOES, 16.

Mr. Allan	Hon. Dr. Menzies
" Clark (H.)	Mr. M'Kellar
" Cumming	" M'Kenzie
" Daniel	" M'Neil
" de Lautour	Dr. Webster
" Hallenstein	Mr. Wilson
" Henderson	" Stout } Tellers.
" Lumsden	" Sumpter }

So it passed in the Negative.

The Question being put—That the 4th Resolution stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question, as amended, being proposed,

Mr. Stout moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words:—“(2.) That, in order to prevent the undue creation of vested interests in the Liquor traffic, no new publican's license should be granted in any district, until a memorial, signed by a majority of the adult residents in the district, be presented to the Licensing Court, the genuineness of the signatures to the memorial being verified as provided for by section 23 of ‘The Licensing Act, 1873.’”

And the Question being put—That the words proposed to be added be so added, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 16.

Mr. Allan	Mr. M'Kellar
" Brown (J. C.)	" M'Kenzie
" Clark (H.)	" M'Neil
" Cumming	" Sumpter
" Daniel	Dr. Webster
" Henderson	Mr. Wilson
" Lumsden	" Reid } Tellers.
Hon. Dr. Menzies	" Stout }

NOES, 17.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. Kinross
" Browne (G. F. C.)	Mr. M'Lean
" Clarke (R.)	" Oliver
" Davie	" Rogers
" de Lautour	" Turton
" Fish	" Wood
" Green	" Haggitt } Tellers.
" Hallenstein	" Reeves }
" Ireland	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. G. F. C. Browne moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words:—“That no licensee who employs during the year of his license any female in his bar should be eligible for a renewed license.”

Mr. G. F. C. Browne's Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. M'Kenzie moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following:—“(2.) That, in order to prevent the undue creation of vested interests in the Liquor traffic, no new publican's license should be granted in any district, until a memorial, signed by a majority of the male adult residents in the district, be presented to the Licensing Court, the genuineness of the signatures to the memorial being verified as provided for by section 23 of ‘The Licensing Act, 1873.’”

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be added be so added, the Council divided, when there voted :

AYES, 16.

Mr. Allan		Hon. Dr. Menzies
„ Brown (J. C.)	|	Mr. M'Kenzie
„ Clark (H.)		„ M'Neil
„ Cumming		„ Sumpter
„ Daniel		Dr. Webster
„ Driver		Mr. Wilson
„ Green		„ Lumsden } Tellers.
„ Henderson		„ Stout }

NOES, 13.

Mr. Bastings		Mr. Oliver
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	|	„ Rogers
„ Clarke (R.)		„ Turton
„ de Lautour		„ Wood
„ Haggitt		„ Fish } Tellers.
„ Hazlett		„ Reeves }
„ M'Lean		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative

Debate interrupted by the adjournment at half-past five p.m.

(SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M. COUNCIL RESUMED.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Committee of Supply.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee.

Consideration of Contingent Notices of Motions resumed.

Improvement of Town Belt, Dunedin.—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £1000, to be paid to the Corporation of Dunedin, provided they vote a like sum for the improvement of the Town Belt of Dunedin.

The Question being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 10.

Mr. Allan		Mr. Teschemaker
„ Clarke (R.)	|	„ Turnbull
„ Davie		„ Turton
„ Haggitt		„ Fish } Tellers.
„ M'Lean		„ Reeves }

NOES, 21.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)		Mr. Kinross
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	|	„ M'Kellar
„ Clark (H.)		„ Rogers
„ Cumming		„ Stout
„ Daniel		Mr. Sumpter
„ de Lautour		Dr. Webster
„ Gillies		Mr. Wilson
„ Green		„ Wood
„ Hazlett		„ Lumsden } Tellers.
„ Henderson		„ Reid }
„ Ireland		

So it passed in the Negative.

Hospital Building, Switzers.—Mr. Ireland moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause the sum of £250 to be placed on the Estimates, for the purpose of improving the Hospital Building at Switzers.

Committee of Supply, continued.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Road, Roxburgh to Waikaia.—Mr. Ireland moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause a sum of £1000 to be placed upon the Estimates, for the formation of a Road from Roxburgh to Waikaia Bush, with the view of opening up the latter to the consumers of timber in the Mount Benger, Dunstan, and other districts.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Library or Athenæum, Roxburgh.—Mr. Ireland moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause the sum of £250 to be placed upon the Estimates, for the erection of a building for a Library or Athenæum at Roxburgh.

Mr. Ireland asked leave to withdraw his motion. Leave withheld.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Subsidy to Pastoral and Agricultural Shows.—Mr. Cumming moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £1000 be placed on the Estimates, for the purpose of subsidising voluntary subscriptions, *pro rata*, to Pastoral and Agricultural Shows throughout the Province.

Mr. Fish moved—That the Question be amended by reducing the amount to £250.

The Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Wood moved—That the Question be amended by reducing the amount to £500.

The Amendment being put, it passed in the Negative.

Then the original Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Arrow Library.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £150 be placed upon the Estimates to subsidise to the usual extent the expenses incurred by the Arrow Library Committee in the building and improvement of the Arrow Library.

Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Bridge over Kawarau River.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that suitable provision be made on the Estimates, for the erection of a bridge over the Kawarau River, near Arrow Junction, on the site recommended in the Report of the Provincial Engineer.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Road, Arrowtown to Cardrona.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a Survey be made of the best route to adopt as a dray road to Cardrona from Arrowtown, and that provision be made on the Estimates to the extent of £1000, to form the first section of the road.

Mr. Fish moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "provision be made on the Estimates to the extent of £1000 to form the first section of the road," and the insertion of the following in lieu thereof:—"an estimate of the cost be furnished."

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Road, Armstrong's Crossing to Forest Hill.—Mr. Wilson moved, and the Question was proposed—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for improvements on the road from Armstrong's Crossing, Oreti Railway, to Forest Hill.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Gold Export Duty.—Mr. de Lautour moved, and the Question was proposed—That a

Committee of Supply, continued.

respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for making repayments, at the rate of sixpence per ounce, to exporters of gold, the produce of the Province of Otago and the late Province of Southland, during the current year.

The Question being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 17.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. Oliver
„ Brown (J. C.)	„ Reeves
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	„ Rogers
„ Clarke (R.)	„ Sump'er
„ Daniel	„ Turton
„ Haggitt	„ Wilson
„ Hazlett	„ de Lautour } Tellers.
„ Ireland	„ Fish
„ M'Kenzie	

NOES, 11

Mr. Allan	Mr. Reid
„ Henderson	Dr. Webster
„ Lumsden	Mr. Wood
Hon. Dr. Menzies	„ Gillies } Tellers.
Mr. M'Lean	„ Stout
„ M'Neil	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Gold-Saving Apparatus.—Mr. de Lautour moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates, such sum as may appear to him sufficient, as a bonus for the best Gold-Saving Apparatus—for saving gold extracted by hydraulic sluicing—that can be devised, cheap enough to be practicable; said apparatus to be constructed subject to such competition and regulations as to His Honor may seem fit.

The Provincial Secretary moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “said apparatus to be constructed,” and the insertion of the following in lieu thereof:—“such bonus to be paid to such an extent and on such terms and”

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Road in Stewart Island.—On motion of Mr. Daniel, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £250 on the Supplementary Estimates, to form a Road from Port William to Half-Moon Bay, thence to Paterson's Inlet, Stewart Island.

Artesian Wells.—Mr. Wood moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of money may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, to be given as a bonus to the first successful borer of an Artesian Well, within the limits of any City or town of Otago.

The Hon. Dr. Menzies moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after “that,” in the second line, and the insertion of the following in lieu thereof:—“he will obtain from the Provincial Geologist reports from time to time on the practicability of obtaining water by artesian boring, in localities where running water is scarce.”

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Switzer's Land Enquiry.—On motion of Mr. Ireland, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause the sum of £12 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of repaying the Switzer's Mining Association the expenses of witnesses *in re* 50 acre enquiry, conducted by Messrs. Shepherd and Maitland.

Committee of Supply, Continued.

Morven Ferry and Arthur's Point Road.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £100 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, to form that portion of Morven Ferry and Arthur's Point Road which passes through Arrowtown, and that the Surveyor be instructed to survey the same.

Mr. Stout moved as a Amendment—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that that portion of Morven Ferry and Arthur's Point Road which passes through Arrowtown be surveyed.

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Dray Road between Arthur's Point and Maori Point.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £2000 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of forming the first section of a Dray Road between Arthur's Point and Maori Point, on the Shotover River.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Wakari Athenæum.—Mr. Driver moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £200 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of assisting the Wakari Athenæum Committee in erecting a suitable building for an Athenæum.

Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Road, Dunedin to North Taieri, via Halfway Bush.—On motion of Mr. Driver, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that the sum of £200 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of forming and metalling the approaches to the bridge over the Kaikorai stream, on the main road, between Dunedin and North Taieri, via the Halfway Bush.

Kakanui Water Race Company.—On motion of Mr. Bastings, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of £400 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, as a grant to the Kakanui Water Race Company.

Bridge over Molyneux at Roxburgh.—Mr. Ireland moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause the following sum to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, namely:—£2500, for construction of Bridge over the River Molyneux, at Roxburgh.

The Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Bridge over Jacob's River.—Mr. Cumming moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £1500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Jacob's River, at Collie's Ford.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. Bastings, the Council resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Oamaru Harbour Board Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—the Oamaru Harbour Board Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at fifty-five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the following day.

Tuesday, June 9, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given for next sitting by the Provincial Secretary,

Mr. Lumsden, Mr. J. C. Brown (5), Mr. Fish (2), Mr. R. Clarke, (4), Mr. Henderson ; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Wilson, and by Mr. G. F. C. Browne.

Costs of Survey—Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Return of the costs of survey to applicants for land, from 1st May, 1872, to 1st May, 1874. Ordered on motion of Hon. Dr. Menzies, 8th May.

Gold Fields Committee.—Mr. Bastings brought up—Interim Reports Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12, from the Gold Fields Committee, viz. :—No. 9 *in re* Petition of 42 residents in the Cardrona and Wanaka Districts ; No. 10 *in re* Petition of Stephen Read ; No. 11 *in re* Gold Fields Bill ; No. 12 *in re* Water Rights. (See *Appendix*, pages 229 and 230.)

Roads Diversion Bill.—*Message No. 19*, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows :—

MESSAGE NO. 19.

The Superintendent returns herewith the Roads Diversion Bill 1874 with the following amendment, viz. :—For the description of road No. 3 Aparima Road District, substitute “ all that area in the Province of Otago containing by admeasurement 4a 2r 32p., more or less, being a road-line situate in Block VI., Jacob's River Hundred District, bounded towards the north-east by parts of sections numbered 25 and 26 four thousand seven hundred (4700) links, more or less, and towards the southwest by other parts of said section No. 25 four thousand seven hundred (4700) links, more or less.”

This is rendered necessary owing to the road which is to be given in exchange having been described in error.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Dunedin, 9th June, 1874.

Ordered—That the consideration of the said Message be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Bills.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—the Lawrence Reserves Sale Bill (No. 2), and the Gold Duty Re-payment Bill, which were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for Friday next.

MOTIONS.

Licensing Laws.—Interrupted Debate resumed on amended Question, as follows :—That, in the opinion of this Council, the Licensing Laws at present in force in this Province should be amended in the following particulars, viz. :—

(1.) That provision should be made for the transfer of Publicans' and Bottle Licenses between the times of the sittings of the Licensing Court.

(2.) That, in order to prevent the undue creation of vested interests in the Liquor traffic, no new publican's license should be granted in any district, until a memorial, signed by a majority of the male adult residents in the district, be presented to the Licensing Court, the genuineness of the signatures to the memorial being verified as provided for by section 23 of “ The Licensing Act, 1873.”

On motion of Mr. J. C. Brown, the Question was further amended by the addition of the following :—“ That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that he will be pleased to forward the foregoing resolutions to the General Government, with a view that the Licensing Act may be so amended.”

Then the Question so amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That, in the opinion of this Council, the Licensing Laws at present in force in this Province should be amended in the following particulars, viz. :—

(1.) That provision should be made for the transfer of Publicans' and Bottle Licenses between the times of the sittings of the Licensing Court,

(2.) That, in order to prevent the undue creation of vested interests in the Liquor traffic, no new publican's license should be granted in any district, until a memorial, signed by a majority of the male adult residents in the district, be presented to the Licensing Court, the genuineness of the signatures to the memorial being verified as provided for by section 23 of “ The Licensing Act, 1873.”

(3.) That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that

he will be pleased to forward the foregoing resolutions to the General Government, with a view that the Licensing Act may be so amended.

Tenders for Light Railways.—Mr. Fish moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council, the conduct of the late Government in accepting tenders for the Light Railways in Southland and the Waiareka Valley so much in excess of the sum voted by this Council, and after the expiration of the financial year, is deserving of great censure, and that such conduct is entirely subversive of the principle of Responsible Government.

The Provincial Secretary moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "that" with the view of inserting the following in lieu thereof :—(1) "This Council records its regret that, owing to various causes, the contracts for light railways were not let before the close of the financial year, and also that the prices for which the contracts have been let are in excess of the sums appropriated by the Council; but this Council hereby records its approval of the action of the late Executive in letting the works for cash payments instead of payments in land, as authorised by the Council. (2.) This Council is strongly of opinion that no contract should be accepted after the close of the financial year, until new appropriations have been made, and that unless under exceptional and pressing circumstances, no contracts should be accepted in excess of the authority granted by the Council."

A Debate ensued.

Motion made and Question proposed—That this Debate be now adjourned.—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

The Question for the adjournment of the Debate being put, the Council divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 18.

Mr. Allan		Mr. M'Kellar
„ Cumming		„ M'Lean
„ Daniel		„ Reeves
„ Davie		„ Rogers
„ Haggitt		„ Teschemaker
„ Hallenstein		Dr. Webster
„ Henderson		Mr. Wood
„ Lumsden		„ Reid } Tellers.
„ M'Dermid		„ Stout }

NOES, 16.

Mr. Bastings		Mr. Kinross
Mr. Brown (J. C.)		„ M'Glashan
„ Clark (H.)		„ M'Kenzie
„ Clarke (R.)		„ Sumpter
„ de Lautour		„ Turton
„ Driver		„ Wilson
„ Green		„ Fish } Tellers.
„ Hazlett		„ Oliver }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the said Debate be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Question of Privilege.—On motion of Mr. J. C. Brown, *Resolved*—That the Provincial Treasurer having confirmed the following as a correct report of what he had said during a debate in Committee of Supply, viz., that during the recess he (Mr. Turnbull) had managed to save a good deal of public money, that the honourable member (Mr. J. C. Brown) had desired to get hold of: That in the opinion of this Council that gentleman should be called upon to substantiate or withdraw the imputation conveyed in the term made use of.

North Taieri Road District.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that he will be pleased to alter the boundaries of the Sub-divisions of the North Taieri Road District as follows, that is to say: that the North Plain Sub-division be bounded towards the north by the boundary of Hundreds, towards the east by the Half-way Bush Road District, towards the south-east by the line dividing sections 1 and 7, block 13, Taieri District, and its continuation through blocks 13, 5, and 6, to the Saddle Hill and West Taieri Road, thence along that road to section 10, block 11, towards the south-west by section 10, block 11, sections 4 and 10, block 16, and

section 57, Irregular Block, Taieri District, and sections 26, 38, 14, 12, and 11, block 1, Dunedin and East Taieri District, and a line through Bush Reserve to the Taieri River, and towards the west by the Taieri River; and that the Wingatui Sub-division be bounded towards the north-west by North Plain Sub-division, towards the north-east by Half-way Bush and Kaikorai Road Districts, towards the south-east by the Kaikorai Road District, and towards the south-west by the Saddle Hill and West Taieri Road.

Representation.—Mr. Reeves moved, and the Question was proposed—That it is desirable the number of representatives in this Council should not exceed twenty (20), and that with a view to readjust the representation caused by such reduction, a Committee be appointed to consider thereon, and report as early as practicable. Members to be elected by ballot.

Mr. Cumming moved the Amendment of the "Previous Question", and the Question being put—That this Question be now put, it passed in the Negative.

Traffic Returns, Port Chalmers Railway.—On motion of Mr. Reeves, *Ordered*—That there be laid upon the Table, a Return of all claims paid and allowed by Government in connection with the goods traffic on the Port Chalmers Railway, from 31st March, 1873, to 31st March, 1874—such return to particularise the names of claimants, and amounts allowed and paid in each case.

Fencing Railway Line, Bluff to Winton.—Mr. Wood moved, and the Question was proposed—That, in the opinion of this Council, the line of railway from Bluff to Winton should be placed as regards fencing on an equal footing with those lines of railway for which contracts have, during the present year, been accepted by the Government, and that tenders for the fencing of the former line be at once invited; or, failing that, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will omit from each of the contracts above referred to the item for fencing, in accordance with the powers contained in clause six of the conditions attached to those contracts.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when their voted:—

AYES, 9.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Hazlett
 „ M'Dermid

Mr. M'Neil
 „ Wilson
 „ Kinross } Tellers.
 „ Wood }

NOES, 7.

Mr. Cumming
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ M'Glashan

Mr. M'Kenzie
 „ Daniel } Tellers.
 „ Reid }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Committee of Supply.—On motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the Council again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee.

Consideration of Contingent Notices of Motions resumed.

Foot Bridge across the Teviot Stream.—On motion of Mr. Ireland, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause a sum of £100 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the construction of a Foot Bridge across the Teviot Stream.

Main Road near Carnie's Hill.—On motion of Mr. Ireland, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause the following sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, namely:—£20 for Main Road repairs close to Carnie's Hill.

Puerua Road.—Mr. Henderson moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £100 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the formation of the Puerua Road.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Committee of Supply, continued

Tracks in Switzers District.—Mr. Ireland moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause the following sums to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, namely, £300 for the purpose of cutting Side Drains, to drain the swamps on the two tracks approaching Waikaka from Switzers; £50 for the purpose of making a Bridle Track along the bottom of the Spurs from Switzers to Nokomai, in order to reduce the number of times it is necessary to cross the the Mataura River from thirty-two to four.

Question proposed—That the sum of £300 be placed on the Estimates.

On motion of Mr. R. Clarke the amount was reduced by £150.

And the Question—That the sum of £150 be placed on the Estimates, being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 7.

Mr. Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Daniel
 „ Fish

Mr. M'Kenzie
 „ Brown (J. C.)
 „ Ireland } Tellers.

NOES, 15.

Mr. Allan
 „ Cumming
 „ Davie
 „ de Lautour
 „ Gillies
 „ Hazlett
 „ Henderson
 „ Kinross
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Neil

Mr. Reid
 „ Roberts
 „ Rogers
 „ Sumpter
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Turnbull
 „ Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Lumsden } Tellers.
 „ Stout

So it passed in the Negative.

The Question being put—That the sum of £50 be placed on the Estimates, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause the following sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, namely, £50 for the purpose of making a Bridle Track along the bottom of the Spurs from Switzers to Nokomai, in order to reduce the number of times it is necessary to cross the Molyneux River from thirty-two to four.

Main Branch Road to Inch Clutha.—Mr. M'Neil moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of forming that portion of the Main Branch Road to Inch Clutha and Kaitangata running through Government land within the Municipal boundary of Balclutha.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Main Branch Road, Balclutha to Waitahuna, &c.—Mr. H. Clark moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £500 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of forming the Main Branch Road from Balclutha to Lawrence, *via* Mount Stuart.

The Question being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 17.

Mr. Bastings
 „ Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Daniel
 „ Davie
 „ de Lautour
 „ Fish
 „ Hazlett

Mr. M'Dermid
 „ M'Lean
 „ M'Neil
 „ Roberts
 „ Rogers
 „ Sumpter
 „ Clark (H.) } Tellers.
 „ M'Kenzie }

Committee of Supply, continued.

NOES, 13.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Teschemaker
„ Cumming	Dr. Webster
„ Gillies	Mr. Wilson
„ Henderson	„ Wood
„ Kinross	„ Reid
„ Lumsden	„ Turnbull
„ Stout	} Tellers.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Drainage Plough.—Mr. H. Clark moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £150 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of offering a first and second prize for the production of the best and most approved drainage plough. First prize £100, second £50, to be awarded as the Government may consider advisable.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Question was amended by the insertion of the words “on such terms, and to such amount,” after the word “awarded.”

And the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Kakanui Harbour Master.—On motion of Mr. Teschemaker, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £25 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, in lieu of House rent for the Harbour Master at Kakanui.

Road, Arthur's Point to Moke Creek.—On motion of Mr. R. Clarke, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a survey be made of the best route for a dray road from Arthur's Point to Moke Creek.

Road, Dacre to Menzie's Ferry.—Mr. Kinross moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that there be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates the further sum of £750, for the purpose of improving the road from Dacre to Menzies' Ferry.

Question, by leave, withdrawn.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

Council Resumed.

The Chairman also reported the main Estimates as agreed to in Committee, which were thereupon adopted by the Council.

The Chairman further reported the several resolutions agreed to in Committee on the 8th and 9th instant, which were also adopted by the Council as follows:—

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that a survey be made of the best route to adopt as a dray road to Cardrona from Arrowtown, and that an estimate of the cost be furnished.—[*Mr. R. Clarke.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that a sum may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for making repayments at the rate of sixpence per ounce, to exporters of gold, the produce of the Province of Otago and the late Province of Southland, during the current year.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates, such sum as may appear to him sufficient as a bonus for the best Gold-saving Apparatus—for saving gold extracted by hydraulic sluicing—that can be devised cheap enough to be practicable; such bonus to be paid to such an extent and on such terms and subject to such competition and regulations as to His Honor may seem fit.—[*Mr. de Lautour.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £250 on the Supplementary Estimates to form a road from Port William to Half-Moon Bay, thence to Paterson's Inlet, in Stewart Island.—[*Mr. Daniel.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will obtain from the Provincial Geologist reports from time to time on the

practicability of obtaining water by artesian boring in localities where running water is scarce.—[*Mr. Wood.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause a sum of £12 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of repaying the Switzers Mining Association the expenses of witnesses *in re* 50 acre inquiry, conducted by Messrs. Shepherd and Maitland.—[*Mr. Ireland.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that that portion of Morvern Ferry and Arthur's Point Road which passes through Arrowtown be surveyed.—[*Mr. R. Clarke.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that the sum of £200 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of forming and metalling the Approaches to the Bridge over the Kaikorai Stream, on the main road between Dunedin and North Taieri, *via* the Half-way Bush.—[*Mr. Driver.*]

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of £400 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, as a grant to the Kakanui Water Race Company.—[*Mr. Bastings.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to cause the following sum to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, namely, £2500, for construction of Bridge over the Molyneux River at Roxburgh.—[*Mr. Ireland.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause a sum of £100 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, for the construction of a Foot Bridge across the Teviot Stream.—[*Mr. Ireland.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause the following sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, namely, £20, for Main Road repairs close to Carnie's Hill.—[*Mr. Ireland.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause the following sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, namely, £50, for the purpose of making a Bridle Track along the bottom of the Spurs from Switzers to Nokomai, in order to reduce the number of times it is necessary to cross the Mataura River from thirty-two to four.—[*Mr. Ireland.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £500 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of forming the Main Branch Road from Balclutha to Waitahuna and Lawrence, *via* Mount Stuart.—[*M. H. Clark.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £150 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of offering a first and second prize for the production of the best and most approved drainage plough. First prize £100, second £50, to be awarded on such terms and to such an amount as the Government may consider advisable.—[*Mr. H. Clark.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £25 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, in lieu of House rent for the Harbour Master at Kakanui.—[*Mr. Teschemaker.*]

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a survey be made of the best route for a dray road from Arthur's Point to Moke Creek.—[*Mr. R. Clarke.*]

Railway resolutions.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the consideration of the proposed Railway Resolutions, in reply to Message No. 10, was resumed in Committee.—(For Message and previous debates see pages 38, 69, 78, and 86.)

In Committee.

The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—(4.) That surveys and estimates in detail of the following lines be prepared during the recess; and that in the event of a loan being sanctioned, the Government be authorised to invite tenders, and to accept contracts for their construction, provided the tenders are within the estimated cost.

Mr. Gillies moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words—“And in the event of the loan not being sanctioned, the Government be authorised to enter into arrangements with public companies or private individuals willing to risk their own capital in constructing any or all of the proposed railways, for the construction of the

same, provided that such arrangements shall not include any guarantee, and shall provide for the purchase of the line or lines on equitable terms at any time."

A debate ensued.

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be added be so added, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question, so amended, being proposed as a substantive motion,

Mr. Kinross moved as an Amendment—That, in the event of a loan being sanctioned, the Government be authorised to have surveys and estimates in detail of the cost of construction and probable revenue of the following lines prepared during the recess, in order that this Council may, at its next Session, be in a position to decide what railways are most urgently required to promote settlement, and are most likely to prove reproductive.

The Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 10.

Mr. Bastings
 „ Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ de Lautour
 „ Fish

Mr. Green
 „ Ireland
 „ M'Kenzie
 „ Clarke (R.) } Tellers.
 „ Kinross

NOES, 19.

Mr. Allan
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Daniel
 „ Gillies
 „ Haggitt
 „ Hazlett
 „ Henderson
 „ Lumsden
 „ M'Kellar
 „ M'Lean

Mr. M'Neil
 „ Reeves
 „ Teschemaker
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Davie } Tellers.
 „ Reid

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the amended Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—
 [Mr. Fish.]

Question for reporting progress put and Negatived.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning—

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10.

Schedule to Resolution 4 considered :—

“ Main Line through Seaward Bush, 10 miles, £20,000,” agreed to.

“ Waipahi to Tapanui, 13½ miles, £32,000,” withdrawn.

“ Main Line to Kaitangata, and extension to Coal Point, 10 miles, £27,750,” agreed to.

“ Main Line to Outram, 4 miles, £12,000,” agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed—To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—
 [Mr. Fish.]

Question for reporting progress, by leave, withdrawn.

“ Tokomairiro Branch Railway, 5 miles, £14,000,” agreed to.

“ Palmerston to Waihemo, 10 miles, £25,000,” agreed to.

“ Edendale to Wyndham, 3 miles, £10,500,” agreed to.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

Adjournment—And the Council having continued to sit until thirty-five minutes past twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, on motion of the Provincial Secretary, adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the same day.

Wednesday, June 10, 1874.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petitions.—The following Petitions were presented and received :—

(1.) Petition of Henry Howorth, Solicitor, setting forth that Sections 1, 2, and 3, in the District of Upper Kaikorai, Crown Granted to Henry Orbell and Thomas Cotton, were found to be deficient in area, and praying for enquiry into the matter, with a view to redress being granted.—[*By Mr. Stout.*]

(2.) Petition of John Charles Macgregor, late Clerk in the Crown Grant Department, praying for enquiry into the circumstances of his dismissal from the Provincial Government service, with a view to redress being granted.—[*By Mr. Davie.*]

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. Ireland (2), Mr. Wood, and by the Provincial Secretary (3); for Committee of Supply by Mr. Sumpter.

Paper.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—Further list of Volunteers entitled to remission certificates under the Volunteer Land Act.

Private Petitions Committee.—Mr. H. Clark brought up—Interim Reports Nos. 19, 20, 21, and 22, from the Private Petitions Committee—viz., No. 19, *in re* Petition of George Bailey; No. 20, Christopher Rea; No. 21, Mary Rutherford; No. 22, George Hepburn, Chairman Half-way Bush District Road Board.—(See *Appendix*, pages 224 and 225.)

Gold Fields Committee.—Mr. Bastings brought up—Interim Report No. 13, *in re* Reports of Mining Conferences, &c., together with Final Report from the Gold Fields Committee.—(See *Appendix*, page 230.)

House Committee.—Mr. Wood brought up—Report of the House Committee relative to the ceiling of the Provincial Council Hall.—(See *Appendix*, page 226.)

Bills.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—The Naseby Recreation Reserve Management Bill, and the Invercargill Reserves Management Ordinance Amendment Bill, which were read a first time, ordered to be printed, and their second readings made Orders of the Day for Friday next.

Endowment Reserves.—*Message No. 20*, from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced and read as follows :—

MESSAGE NO. 20.

The Superintendent solicits the attention of the Provincial Council to the various Reserves, as per annexed statement, which have been proclaimed or recommended by the Council, but for which Crown grants have been withheld.

After much negotiation on the subject, the Colonial Government introduced a Bill into the General Assembly at its last Session having for its object the cancellation of the proclamations under which the Reserves in question have been made, and authorising the issue of Crown grants to the extent of not exceeding 500,000 acres for such purposes, and in such localities as the Provincial Legislature might see fit. This Bill, however, did not become law.

As there seems to be no hope of the Crown grants being obtained, it is essential that some action should be taken in this matter, with a view to which it is desirable that the Provincial Council should express its opinion on the subject. The Superintendent would be disposed to agree to the Bill of last Session, rather than allow the Reserves to remain in their present exceedingly unsatisfactory position; or, perhaps, were we to abandon the whole of the Reserves now in question, with the exception of those for educational purposes, the General Government might be induced to issue grants for the latter.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

10th June, 1874.

[Enclosure.]

Statement of Reserves made by the Superintendent and Provincial Council for which Crown grants have been withheld:—

Reserves for High, Grammar, and District Schools	... ..	1,106,580 acres.
” Benevolent Institutions	... ..	353,300 ”
” Clutha River Trust	... ..	50,000 ”
” Endowments for Hospitals	... ..	487,750 ”

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Committee of Supply.—Ordered to stand over.

Railway Resolutions.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council again resolved itself into Committee on the proposed Railway Resolutions in reply to Message No. 10. (For Message and previous debates, see pages 38, 69, 78, 86, and 114.)

In Committee.

Consideration of Schedule to 4th Resolution resumed.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Ordered*—That the line “Kaitangata Station to Inch Clutha, 3½ miles, £9,500,” be added to the Schedule.

The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—(5.) That surveys of the following lines be undertaken as soon as practicable, with a view to the sanction of the Council being obtained to their construction:—

	Length in Miles.
Otautau to Night Cap Coal Fields	15
Lawrence to Teviot	40
Orepuki to Waiau	14
Waihemo to Clyde	—

Amendment proposed—To substitute “Crookston” for “Lawrence.”—[*Mr. J. C. Brown.*]

Amendment negatived.

Another Amendment proposed—To add “Waipahi to Tapanui, 13½ miles.”—[*Provincial Secretary.*]

Amendment agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed—To add “From Main Northern Line of Railway to Shag Point Coal Fields, 2 miles.”—[*Mr. McKenzie.*]

Amendment agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed—To add “Winton to Night Cap Coal Fields.”—[*Mr. Wilson.*]

Amendment agreed to.

And the Question being proposed on the 5th Resolution with Schedule as amended, Amendment proposed—To insert after the word “undertaken,” line 1, the words “and estimates of probable traffic obtained.”—[*Mr. Kinross.*]

Amendment agreed to.

And the Resolution, so amended, together with the Schedule as agreed to, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council resumed, and the Chairman reported the Resolutions as agreed to in Committee.

Council Resumed.

The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Resolutions as agreed to in Committee be now adopted by the Council.

Mr. Hazlett moved, as an Amendment—That the said Resolutions be re-committed, for the purpose of altering the Schedules to the 4th and 5th Resolutions.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That this Council having considered His Honor’s Message No. 10, relative to

the construction of certain lines of Railway, and recommending that application be made to the General Assembly to raise a loan for that purpose:—

(1.) That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that application be made to the General Government to introduce a Bill to the General Assembly, at its next Session, to raise a loan of not exceeding £500,000, on special security to be given by the Province, such loan to be expended in constructing Railways and other necessary works within the Province: Such loan to be raised from time to time as may be required for the construction of railways and works approved, and to be expended over a period of not less than five years: provided that no works shall be included in the Bill authorising the raising of the loan except such works as are sanctioned by this Council.

(2.) That, in order to give special security to the Colonial Government for the repayment of the loan, an area of 2,070,453 acres of Waste Lands be set apart, and until the loan has been repaid, the revenues arising from the sale or rents of the lands set apart as security shall be paid from time to time in liquidation of the charges on the loan as they may arise; but the lands set apart as security shall be liable to be sold and disposed of in the same manner in all respects as other Waste Lands of the Crown, and shall be subject to any laws which may be in force for the disposal of lands, either by sale on deferred payments or for special settlements: The proceeds of sales or leases of land set apart as security to be paid to a separate account, and to be applied towards payment of the interest falling due on the moneys raised, and to a repayment of one-twentieth in each year of the principal sum of such moneys.

(3.) That the construction of the lines already authorised, and for which contracts have been accepted, be prosecuted during the current year, payment to be made from revenue or loan.

(4.) That surveys and estimates in detail of the following lines be prepared during the recess; and that, in the event of a loan being sanctioned, the Government be authorised to invite tenders, and to accept contracts for their construction, provided the tenders are within the estimated cost; and in the event of the loan not being sanctioned, the Government be authorised to enter into arrangements with either public companies or private individuals willing to risk their own capital in constructing any or all of the proposed railways, for the construction of the same: provided that such arrangements shall not include any guarantee, and shall provide for the purchase of the line or lines on equitable terms at any time:—

	Length in Miles.	Amount.	Remarks.
Main Line through Seaward Bush ...	10 ...	£20,000	} Total cost ready for Rolling Stock approximately.
Main Line to Kaitangata, and extension to Coal Point ...	10 ...	27,750	
Main Line to Outram ...	4 ...	12,000	
Tokomairiro Branch Railway ...	5 ...	14,000	
Palmerston to Waihemo ...	10 ...	25,000	
Edendale to Wyndham ...	3 ...	10,500	
Kaitangata Station to Inch Clutha ...	3½ ...	9,500	

(5.) That surveys of the following lines be undertaken, and estimates of probable traffic obtained, as soon as practicable, with a view to the sanction of the Council being obtained to their construction:—

	Length in Miles.
Otautau to Night Cap Coal Fields ...	15
Lawrence to Teviot ...	40
Orepuki to Waiau ...	14
Waihemo to Clyde ...	—
Waipahi to Tapanui ...	13½
Main Northern Line of Railway to Shag Point Coal Fields ...	2
Winton to Night Cap Coal Fields ...	—

Volunteer Land Grants.—Adjourned Debate resumed (by Mr. Allan) on the Question—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to issue to Volunteers who have become entitled thereto, certificates of remission of purchase money for land, in accordance with the “Volunteers Land Act, 1865,” and the “Volunteers Land Act Amendment Act, 1873.”

Mr. Lumsden moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word “That,” and the insertion of the following in lieu thereof:—“this Council having had under its consideration His Honor’s Message No. 17 (see page 89), agrees to the recommendation therein contained and respectfully requests that His Honor will take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.”

Mr. Reeves asked leave to withdraw his motion. Leave withheld.

The Amendment being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That this Council, having had under its consideration His Honor's Message No. 17, agrees to the recommendation therein contained, and respectfully requests that His Honor will take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

Caledonian Society of Otago Incorporation Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Caledonian Society of Otago Incorporation Bill was read a second time, and its committal made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Licensing Ordinance, 1865, Amendment Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Licensing Ordinance, 1865, Amendment Bill was read a third time and passed.

Roads Diversion Bill.—*Message No. 19* (see page 109) considered,—

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That the amendment made by His Honor the Superintendent in the Roads Diversion Bill be agreed to, viz. :—For the description of road No. 3 Aparima Road District, substitute—“All that area in the Province of Otago containing by admeasurement 4a. 2r. 32p., more or less, being a road-line situate in Block VI. Jacob's River Hundred District, bounded towards the north-east by parts of sections numbered 25 and 26 four thousand seven thousand seven hundred (4700) links, more or less, and towards the south-west by other parts of said section No. 25 four thousand seven hundred (4700) links more or less.”

Committee of Supply.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee.

Contingent Notices of Motions considered,—

Oamaru Mechanics' Institute.—Mr. Sumpter moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that the sum of £500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of supplementing the funds of the Oamaru Mechanics' Institute, to be paid by the Government provided the 500 acres granted last Session cannot be given effect to.

The Question being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 14.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Daniel
 „ Davie
 „ de Lautour
 „ Fish

Mr. Hazlett
 „ Lumsden
 „ M'Kenzie
 „ Oliver
 „ Teschemaker
 „ M'Lean } Tellers.
 „ Sumpter }

NOES, 15.

Mr. Allan
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Kinross
 „ Mollison
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Neil

Mr. Reid
 „ Roberts
 „ Rogers
 „ Turnbull
 „ Wilson
 „ Gillies } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

Council Resumed.

Tenders for Light Railways, &c.—Adjourned Debate resumed by Mr. Stout, on the following Question and Amendment :—

Question.—That, in the opinion of this Council, the conduct of the late Government in accepting tenders for the Light Railways in Southland and the Waiareka Valley so much in excess of the sum voted by this Council, and after the expiration of the financial year, is deserving of great censure, and that such conduct is entirely subversive of the principle of Responsible Government.—[*Mr. Fish.*]

Amendment.—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word “that” with the view of inserting the following in lieu thereof:—(1) “This Council records its regret that, owing to various causes, the contracts for light railways were not let before the close of the financial year, and also that the prices for which the contracts have been let are in excess of the sums appropriated by the Council; but this Council hereby records its approval of the action of the late Executive in letting the works for cash payments instead of payments in land, as authorised by the Council. (2.) This Council is strongly of opinion that no contract should be accepted after the close of the financial year, until new appropriations have been made, and that unless under exceptional and pressing circumstances, no contracts should be accepted in excess of the authority granted by the Council.”—[*Provincial Secretary.*]

Debate continued.

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 11.

Mr. Clark (H.)	|	Mr. Sumpter	} Tellers.
„ Clarke (R.)		Mr. Turton	
„ Green		„ Wood	
„ Haggitt		„ de Lautour	
„ M’Kenzie		„ Fish	
„ Oliver			

NOES, 14.

Mr. Allan	|	Mr. M’Neil	} Tellers.
„ Cumming		„ Teschemaker	
„ Henderson		„ Turnbull	
„ Ireland		Dr. Webster	
„ Lumsden		Mr. Wilson	
„ Mollison		„ Reid	
„ M’Lean		„ Stout	

So it passed in the Negative. Words omitted.

And the Question being proposed—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,

Mr. M’Glashan moved as an Amendment—That the following words be inserted in lieu of the words proposed to be inserted, viz. —“in the opinion of this Council, it is to be regretted that the tenders for the light railways in Southland and the Waiareka Valley should have been accepted, being so far in excess of the sum voted by this Council, and after the expiration of the financial year; further, that the principle is wrong, and such practice being subversive of responsible government should be avoided in future by any Executive who may be in power.”

The Provincial Secretary asked leave to withdraw his Amendment. Leave withheld.

The Question being put—That the words proposed (in the Provincial Secretary’s Amendment) to be inserted be so inserted, it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put—That the words (of Mr. M’Glashan’s Amendment) proposed to be inserted, be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question so amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is to be regretted that the tenders for the light railways in Southland and the Waiareka Valley should have been accepted, being so far in excess of the sum voted by this Council, and after the expiration of the financial year; further, that the principle is wrong, and such practice being subversive of responsible government, should be avoided in future by any Executive who may be in power.”

Committee of Supply.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee.

Contingent Notices of Motions considered,—

Committee of Supply, continued.

Bonus for Pottery Works.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to place the sum of £250 on the Supplementary Estimates to be added to a sum already passed on the Estimates, as a bonus for Pottery works.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Roads on Gold Fields.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That the provision made in the Estimates for the construction of Roads in Gold Fields is inadequate to their requirements, and prejudicially disproportionate to the general and special Territorial Revenue raised therein, and that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £5000 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of forming Roads and Tracks through such portions of the Gold Fields as are not under the operation of Road Boards, such sum to be allotted in proportion to the Revenue derived from the district applying for the formation of such road, the proportion to be fixed by His Honor the Superintendent and his Executive Council upon the consideration of applications from districts praying for the formation of such roads.

The Question being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 9.

Mr. Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Daniel
 „ de Lautour
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Hazlett

Mr. Ireland
 „ Sumpter
 „ Bastings
 „ Clarke (R.) } Tellers.

NOES, 18.

Mr. Allan
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Cumming
 „ Gillies
 „ Haggitt
 „ Henderson
 „ Lumsden
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Kenzie

Mr. M'Lean
 „ M'Neil
 „ Shand
 „ Stout
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Reid
 „ Turnbull } Tellers.

So it passed in the Negative.

Snow Poles, &c.—On motion of Mr. R. Clarke, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates—

1st. The sum of £75 for the purpose of erecting Snow Poles along the track between the Upper Nevis and Gibb's Town.

2nd. The sum of £50 for the purpose of improving the road from Gibb's Town, to the Coal Pits, on the south side of the Kawarau River.

Additional Pier at Port Chalmers.—Mr. M'Dermid moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to cause a sufficient sum to be placed on the Estimates, for the construction of an additional pier at Port Chalmers of at least 1,000 feet in length.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Bridging Otepiri and Upper Makarewa Rivers.—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £200 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of bridging the Otepiri and Upper Makarewa Rivers.

Clerk and Draughtsman (Div. No. 2.)—Mr. G. F. C. Browne moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £25 on the Supplementary Estimates, as an additional sum to the Clerk and Draughtsman in the Superintendent's department (in division No. 2.)

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

Council Resumed.

The Chairman also reported the Resolutions agreed to in Committee, which were thereupon adopted by the Council as follows:—

Resolved—(1.) That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates—

1st. The sum of £75, for the purpose of erecting Snow Poles along the track between the Upper Nevis and Gibb's Town.

2nd. The sum of £50, for the purpose of improving the road from Gibb's Town to the Coal Pits, on the south side of the Kawarau River.—[*Mr. R. Clarke.*]

Resolved—(2.) That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £200 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of bridging the Otepiri and Upper Makarewa Rivers.—[*Mr. Wilson.*]

Adjournment.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council, at eleven o'clock, p.m., adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., the following day.

Thursday, June 11, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Notices of Questions.—Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. M'Neil.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions were given, for next sitting, by the Provincial Secretary (3), Mr. Lumsden, Mr. J. C. Brown, and by Mr. M'Neil; for Committee of Supply, by Mr. Green and by Mr. G. F. C. Browne.

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—(1.) Return of Mineral Leases in each Gold Field—ordered on motion of Mr. R. Clarke, May 5 (see *Appendix*, page 282). (2.) Map showing proposed area of land for endowment of Otago Harbour Board.

Waste Lands Committee.—Mr. J. C. Brown brought up—Interim Report No. 8 *in re* costs of survey to applicants, from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee. (See *Appendix* page 227.)

Private Petitions Committee.—Mr. H. Clark brought up—Interim Report No. 23, *in re* Petition of Members of Half-way Bush District Road Board, from the Private Petitions Committee. (See *Appendix*, page 225.)

MOTIONS.

Public Cemetery Reserve, Papakaio.—On motion of Dr. Webster, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement two (2) acres, more or less, situate in Papakaio District, being section numbered one hundred and twenty-eight (128), block three (3), on the map of the said district, bounded towards the north-west by section numbered seventy-one (71), six hundred and sixty-three (663) links, towards the north-east by a road line three hundred (300) links, towards the south-east by section numbered one hundred and nineteen (119) six hundred and sixty-nine (669) links, and towards the south-west by section numbered one hundred and nineteen (119) three hundred (300) links, be set apart for a Public Cemetery.

Unauthorised Expenditure.—The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Question was proposed—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to forward to this Council a recommendation to grant a sum of money sufficient to meet the Unauthorised Expenditure referred to in the Letter from the Provincial Auditor laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker on the 12th day of May, 1874.

Mr. M'Dermid moved—That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words:—“at the same time expressing regret that the Treasury Department should be in such an unsatisfactory state as to render it necessary that the public accounts for the past financial year should be laid on the Table of the Council uncertified by the Auditor, as required by the Audit Act; and, further, that it is desirable in future that a detailed account of all unauthorised expenditure be laid on the Table, instead of merely a summary of the special orders issued.

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be added be so added, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 12.

Mr. Brown (J. C.)	|	Mr. Reeves	} Tellers.
„ Browne (G. F. C.)		„ Sumpter	
„ Clark (H.)		„ Turton	
„ Clarke (R.)		„ Wilson	
„ de Lautour		„ Fish	
„ M'Kenzie		„ M'Dermid	

NOES, 9.

Mr. Cumming	|	Mr. Lumsden	} Tellers.
„ Daniel		„ Turnbull	
„ Henderson		„ Reid	
„ Ireland		„ Wood	
„ Kinross			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative

Debate continued on the Question as amended.

On motion of Mr. Wood, *Ordered*—That this Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered—That the said Debate be resumed at seven o'clock p.m.

Recreation Reserve, Wyndham.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement one hundred and fifty (150) acres, more or less, situate in the town of Wyndham, bounded by a line commencing at the south-eastern corner of section numbered 5, block 1, Wyndham District, and proceeding due west, one hundred (100) links; thence due south, two hundred and sixty (260) links; thence in a south-westerly direction along road line, one thousand one hundred and forty (1140) links; thence in a west-north-westerly direction along the road line, three thousand four hundred and sixty (3460) links; thence due north to the road line on the bank of the Mataura River, two thousand one hundred and forty (2140) links; thence along that road in a north-easterly direction three thousand nine hundred and forty (3940) links; thence along the Mimihau in a southerly direction, one thousand nine hundred and eighty (1980) links; thence due south, one thousand one hundred and fifty (1150) links; thence due east to the town boundary, five hundred and fifty (550) links; thence due south along that boundary, one thousand two hundred (1200) links to the starting point, be set apart for purposes of public recreation for the use of the inhabitants of Wyndham.

Unsold Land in Gore Township.—On motion of Mr. Lumsden, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, asking His Honor's concurrence in the following resolution in terms of section 2, Southland Waste Lands Amendment Act, 1872. viz.—That the unsold land in the town of Gore, District of Southland, be offered for sale in sections of a quarter of an acre, three, five, seven, and ten acres respectively; that the upset price of the quarter acre sections be five pounds each, and of the others at the rate of twenty pounds per acre.

Port Chalmers Railway Fares.—Mr. M'Dermid moved, and the Question was proposed—That the freight for carrying goods on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway be reduced to 2s. 6d. per ton, and the fares for carrying passengers be reduced to 1s. for first-class and 9d. for second-class each way.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Residence Areas on the Gold Fields.—Mr. G. F. C. Browne moved, and the Question was proposed—That in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that provision be made in the Gold Fields regulations of this Province to enable holders of residence area certificates, who have resided five years on such area, if desiring, shall become the purchaser, subject to resumption for mining purposes; but in no instance shall a purchase be sanctioned, excepting the present regulations have been complied with, and on the recommendation of the Warden. That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will cause the above resolution to be given effect to.

The Question being, it passed in the Negative.

Immigration System.—On motion of Mr. Wilson, *Resolved*—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this Council, the system of Free Emigration at present in operation from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to this Colony, is liable to great abuse, and in some respects very objectionable, and calculated to produce most injurious results, and that immediate action should be taken to remedy this evil.

(2.) That the selection of Emigrants suitable to the requirements of this country should be a first consideration with the British Emigration Agents, and is of the most vital importance to the present and future interests of the Colony.

(3.) That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to take such steps as may be deemed necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

Maerewhenua Bridge.—On motion of Mr. Sumpter, *Resolved*—That the Petition in reference to the erection of the Maerewhenua Bridge be referred to the favorable consideration of the Government.

Railway Passes.—Mr. J. C. Brown moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council is of opinion that the Sessional Railway Pass given to Members of the General Assembly and Provincial Council should also be available during recess.

By leave of the Council, Mr. Brown amended his motion by omitting the words "General Assembly and."

The Question so amended being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 10.

Mr. Browne (G. F. C.)
" Clark (H.)
" Daniel
" de Lautour
" Hallenstein

Mr. M'Glashan
" Wilson
" Wood
" Brown (J. C.) } Tellers.
" M'Dermid

NOES, 10.

Mr. Driver
" Ireland
" M'Kellar
" M'Lean
" M'Neil

Mr. Rogers
" Turnbull
Dr. Webster
Mr. Lumsden } Tellers.
" Reid

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the "Noes," and so it passed in the Negative.

Corporation of Arrowsdown.—Mr. R. Clarke moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to place such sum on the Supplementary Estimates as will enable him to extend to the Municipal Corporation of Arrowsdown the subsidy as accorded to other Municipalities, by virtue of sections 4 and 5 of Municipal Corporations Ordinance, 1865 Amendment Ordinance.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Sailor's Home.—On motion of Mr. Fish, *Resolved*—That in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable the Government should take some steps to establish a Sailors' Home, either at Port Chalmers or Dunedin.

Caddon Hundred.—On motion of Mr. Driver, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him not to include the Caddon Hundred in his recommendation to His Excellency the Governor for the proclamation of certain Hundreds mentioned in Message No. 7.

(SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.)

Unauthorised Expenditure.—Adjourned Debate resumed on amended Question, as follows:—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to forward to this Council a recommendation to grant a sum of money sufficient to meet the Unauthorised Expenditure referred to in the Letter from the Provincial Auditor, laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker, on the 12th day of May, 1874, at the same time expressing regret that the Treasury department should be in such an unsatisfactory state as to render it necessary that the public accounts for the past financial year should be laid on the Table of the Council uncertified by

the Auditor, as required by the Audit Act; and further, that it is desirable in future that a detailed account of all unauthorised expenditure be laid upon the Table, instead of merely a summary of the special orders issued.

Mr. Wood moved the Amendment of the "Previous Question."

And the Question being put—That this Question be now put,—the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 11.

Mr. Bastings		Mr. Green	
" Brown (J. C.)		" Hazlett	
" Clark (H.)		" M'Kenzie	
" Clarke (R.)		" M'Dermid	} Tellers.
" de Lautour		" Sumpter	
" Fish			

NOES, 22.

Mr. Cumming		Mr. M'Lean	
" Daniel		" M'Neil	
" Davie		" Rogers	
" Driver		" Stout	
" Haggitt		" Teschemaker	
" Hallenstein		" Tolmie	
" Henderson		Dr. Webster	
" Ireland		Mr. Wilson	
" Kinross		" Wood	
" Lumsden		" Reid	} Tellers.
" M'Kellar		" Turnbull	

So it passed in the Negative.

Suspension of Standing Order.—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That Standing Order No. 26 be suspended, to allow a motion relative to the unauthorised expenditure to be moved without notice.

And the Question for suspension of the Standing Order being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 23.

Mr. Cumming		Mr. M'Lean	
" Daniel		" M'Neil	
" Davie		" Rogers	
" Driver		" Stout	
" Haggitt		" Teschemaker	
" Hallenstein		" Tolmie	
" Hazlett		Dr. Webster	
" Henderson		Mr. Wilson	
" Ireland		" Wood	
" Kinross		" Reid	} Tellers.
" Lumsden		" Turnbull	
" M'Kellar			

NOES, 2.

Mr. Bastings, Teller.

Mr. Brown (J. C.), Teller.

There not being two-thirds of the members present, as required by Standing Order No 159, the Standing Order (No. 26) could not be suspended as proposed.

The Provincial Treasurer thereupon gave notice of motion for next sitting.

Appropriation Bill, 1874-5.—The Provincial Solicitor laid upon the Table—The Appropriation Bill, 1874-5, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Caledonian Society of Otago Incorporation Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Caledonian Society of Otago Incorporation Bill was committed, and being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Committee of Supply.—Ordered to stand over.

Otago Harbour Board Bill.—The Provincial Solicitor moved, and the Question was proposed—That the Otago Harbour Board Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate ensued.

Motion made, and Question proposed—That this Debate be now adjourned.—[*Mr. M'Dermid.*]

The Question for the adjournment of the Debate being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Bill read a second time, and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read.

Motion made, and Question proposed—To report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—[*Mr. M'Dermid.*]

The Question for reporting progress being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 3.

Mr. Clarke (R.)
„ Browne (G. F. C.), Teller

Mr. M'Dermid, Teller.

NOES, 19.

Mr. Cumming
„ de Lautour
„ Fish
„ Gillies
„ Green
„ Haggitt
„ Ireland
„ Kinross
„ Lumsden
„ M'Kellar

Mr. M'Lean
„ M'Neil
„ Reeves
„ Rogers
„ Sumpter
„ Turnbull
Dr. Webster
Mr. Reid } Tellers.
„ Stout }

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 36 read and agreed to.

Clause 37 read. Amendment proposed—To add the following:—“ Provided always that the approval of the Superintendent and his Executive Council to the construction of any work hereinbefore mentioned shall not be withheld, if after any change shall have taken place in the persons constituting the Board a resolution to construct such works shall have been again passed by the Board.—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 38 to 60 read and agreed to.

Schedules 1, 2, and 3, Preamble and Title read and agreed to.

On the Council resuming, the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Riverton Harbour Board Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Riverton Harbour Board Bill was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Dunedin Presbyterian Church Lands Ordinance Amendment Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Dunedin Presbyterian Church Lands Ordinance Amendment Bill was read a second time and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 to 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed—To add the following—“ And all rights, remedies, and powers existing, or which may hereafter exist, under any such leases, or under any deed or agreement which may hereafter be entered into by any such Trustees, under or by virtue of such Ordinance, or which exists, or may hereafter arise in reference to all or any part of the lands mentioned or referred to in section five of this Ordinance, shall be exercisable and enforceable, as the case may be, by and against the Trustees acting for the time being under the said Act, and them only.—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed—To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—[*Mr. Reeves.*]

Question for reporting progress put and Negatived.

Schedules 1 to 6, Preamble and Title read and agreed to.

On the Council resuming, the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Roads Diversion Bill, No. 2.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Roads Diversion Bill, No. 2, was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time and passed.

Palmerston School Glebe Exchange Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Palmerston School Glebe Exchange Bill was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Hospitals Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Hospitals Bill was read a second time, and committed.

In Committee.

Title and Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendments proposed—To insert after “ 1862,” line 5, the words “ and Hospitals Ordinance, 1870,” and to add the following:—“ And the Committee may, by any rules made under section three of the Hospitals Ordinance, 1862, provide for declaring that any member of such Committee shall vacate his seat if absent from a certain number of meetings of the Committee, and for the election of another member of Committee in the place of any member whose seat shall be so declared vacant.”—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

Amendments agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed—To insert after “ shall,” line 1, the words “ notwithstanding anything in the ‘ Hospitals Ordinance, 1862,’ or in the ‘ Hospitals Ordinance, 1870,’ to the contrary.”—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed—To add the words, “ the ‘ Hospitals Ordinance, 1870,’ and the ‘ Hospitals Ordinance (Southland) Repeal Ordinance, 1872.’”—[*Provincial Solicitor.*]

Amendment agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

Preamble and Title read, and agreed to.

On the Council resuming, the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered—That the third reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

Port Chalmers School Reserve Sale Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Port Chalmers School Reserve Sale Bill was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Oamaru Harbour Board Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Oamaru Harbour Board Bill was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Committee of Supply.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

Committee of Supply, continued.

In Committee.

Contingent Notices of Motions considered.

Volunteer Land Grants.—Mr. Sumpter moved, and the Question was proposed—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £4000 be placed on the Estimates, in addition to the £2000 already agreed to, to provide payment in cash to Volunteers who may be entitled to remission certificates for land.

Mr. H. Clark moved—That the Question be amended by reducing the amount to £1000.

A Debate ensued.

And the Committee having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning,

FRIDAY, JUNE 12,

The Debate continued,

And the Amendment being put, the Committee divided, when there voted :—

AYES, 17.

Mr. Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Cumming
 „ de Lautour
 „ Green
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Kinross
 „ Lumsden

Mr. M'Dermid
 „ M'Kellar
 „ M'Kenzie
 „ Reid
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Gillies } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

NOES, 10.

Mr. Bastings
 „ Brown (J. C.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Daniel
 „ Fish

Mr. Haggitt
 „ Hazlett
 „ Wood
 „ Reeves } Tellers.
 „ Sumpter }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again at next sitting.

The Chairman also reported the resolution agreed to in Committee, which was thereupon adopted by the Council.

Resolved—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £1000 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, in addition to the £2000 already agreed to, to provide payment, in cash, to Volunteers who may be entitled to remission certificates for land.—[*Mr. Sumpter.*]

Adjournment.—And the Council, having continued to sit until twenty minutes past twelve of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Provincial Secretary, adjourned until two o'clock p.m. the same day.

Friday, June 12, 1874.—(Two o'Clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Notice of Question.—Notice of Question for next sitting was given by Mr. Fish.

Notices of Motions.—Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. J. C. Brown, and by Mr. Daniel.

Papers.—The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table—

(1.) Return of claims paid and allowed in connection with the Goods Traffic on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway from 31st March, 1873, to 31st March, 1874—Ordered on motion of Mr. Reeves, June 9.

(2.) Report by the Chief Surveyor on land west of Waiiau, &c.—Ordered on motion of Mr. Cumming, June 1.—(See *Appendix*, page 249.)

Private Petitions Committee.—Mr. Green brought up—Interim Reports from the Private Petitions Committee, as follow :—No. 24, *in re* Petition of Henry Howorth ; No. 25, *in re* Petition of John Charles Macgregor, and Final Report.—(See *Appendix*, pages 225 and 226.)

Ordered—That the said Committee be discharged.

Supplementary Estimates.—*Message No. 21*, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read as follows :—

MESSAGE NO. 21.

The Superintendent, with the advice and consent of his Executive Council, herewith transmits to the Provincial Council Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1875, and recommends the Council to make provision for the services therein specified.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Dunedin, 11th June, 1874.

(*Enclosure—Supplementary Estimates.*)

Provincial Council—

Speaker	...	...	...	£50	0	0
Chairman of Committees	...	...	...	25	0	0
Clerk	...	...	...	25	0	0
Expenses of Members	...	...	...	600	0	0
						700 0 0

Police—

Commissioner	...	...	...	50	0	0
3 Sub-Inspectors, at £30 each	...	...	...	90	0	0
2 Do. at £25 each	...	...	...	50	0	0
Clerk and Accountant	...	...	...	25	0	0
Rent of Police Stations	...	...	...	300	0	0
						515 0 0

Treasury—

Junior Clerk	...	...	...	10	0	0
						10 0 0

Harbour Department—

Pier Master	...	...	...	265	0	0
Night Watchman	...	...	...	8	0	0
Harbour Master, Kakanui	...	...	...	25	0	0
Do. Molyneux	...	...	...	25	0	0
						323 0 0

Hospital—

Rations	...	...	...	250	0	0
Stores and Furniture	...	...	...	100	0	0
Bedding and Clothing	...	...	...	150	0	0
Wardman	...	...	...	70	0	0
						570 0 0

Miscellaneous—

Messenger, Salary	...	...	...	20	0	0
Kakanui Water Race Co.	...	...	...	400	0	0
Geological Survey	...	...	...	250	0	0
Oamaru Rocket Brigade	...	...	...	150	0	0
Bonus for Gold-Saving Apparatus	...	...	...	250	0	0
Athenæums and Public Libraries	...	...	...	500	0	0
Expenses of Witnesses, Switzers Enquiry	...	...	...	12	0	0
Prizes for Drainage Ploughs	...	...	...	150	0	0
Expenses of witnesses, Crown prosecutions	...	...	...	50	0	0
Premium on Guarantee Policies	...	...	...	20	0	0
Port Chalmers Athenæum	...	...	...	50	0	0
Volunteers, at £15 a head	...	...	...	3000	0	0
						4852 0 0

Provincial Engineer—

Assistant Engineer	...	...	...	350	0	0
Rent of Quarters, Invercargill	...	...	...	40	0	0
Two Cadets, at £50 each	...	...	...	100	0	0
						490 0 0

Carry forward £7460 0 0

Supplementary Estimates, continued.

	Brought forward	...	...	...	£7460	0	0
<i>Gaol—</i>							
	Bedding and Clothing	...	...	£100	0	0	
						100	0 0
<i>Survey Department—</i>							
	Equipment of Parties and Wages	...	...	2600	0	0	
						2600	0 0
<i>Land Office—</i>							
	Government Auctioneers	...	...	750	0	0	
						750	0 0
<i>Roads—</i>							
	Arrow to Macetown, <i>via</i> Big Hill	...	...	100	0	0	
	Arrow to Crown Terrace	...	...	250	0	0	
	Kyeburn to Naseby	...	...	50	0	0	
	Tinkers to Chatto Creek	...	...	30	0	0	
	Do. Bendigo Gully	...	...	60	0	0	
	Mataura Bridge to Toi Tois	...	...	50	0	0	
	Palmerston to Shag Point	...	...	500	0	0	
	Dalhousie to Waitahuna, Weather Creek Bridge	...	...	200	0	0	
	Havelock Lower Road	...	...	60	0	0	
	Road to Railway Stations, Inch Clutha and Kaitangata	...	...	250	0	0	
	Waipori to Lawrence, <i>via</i> Bungtown	...	...	250	0	0	
	Port William to Halfmoon Bay and Paterson's Inlet	...	...	250	0	0	
	Dunedin to North Taieri, <i>via</i> Half-way Bush	...	...	200	0	0	
	Puerua Road	...	...	100	0	0	
	Switzers to Nokomai, <i>bridle-track</i>	...	...	50	0	0	
	Balclutha to Lawrence, <i>via</i> Mount Stewart	...	...	500	0	0	
	Gibbstown to Coal Pits	...	...	50	0	0	
	Upper Shotover to Maori Point, <i>via</i> Pleasant Creek	...	...	250	0	0	
	Approaches to Arthur's Point Bridge	...	...	800	0	0	
	Do. Beaumont Bridge	...	...	400	0	0	
	Formation of Castle-Street	...	...	700	0	0	
	Main Road through Dunedin	...	...	100	0	0	
						5200	0 0
<i>Bridges—</i>							
	Waitaki Bridge	...	...	2500	0	0	
	Foot-bridge, Skipper's Point	...	...	150	0	0	
	Do., Moke Creek	...	...	20	0	0	
	Molyneux, at Roxburgh	...	...	2500	0	0	
	Foot-bridge, Teviot Stream	...	...	100	0	0	
	Otepiri and Upper Makarewa	...	...	200	0	0	
	Inch Valley Bridge	...	...	100	0	0	
						5570	0 0
<i>Works—</i>							
	Provincial Council Hall Alterations	...	...	400	0	0	
	Snow Poles, Upper Nevis to Gibbstown	...	...	75	0	0	
	Otago Dock (working expenses and liabilities)	...	...	2500	0	0	
	Alteration of Guage, Invercargill Railways	...	...	3000	0	0	
	Hospital	...	...	100	0	0	
	Government Buildings, Queenstown	...	...	600	0	0	
	Immigration Agent	...	...	700	0	0	
	Oamaru Dock	...	...	2000	0	0	
						9375	0 0
						£31,055	0 0
<i>Out of Loan, if authorised by Assembly.—Railways—</i>							
	Main Line through Seaward Bush	...	...	20,000	0	0	
	Main Line to Kaitangata, and extension to Coal Point	...	...	27,750	0	0	
	Main Line to Outram	...	...	12,000	0	0	
	Tokomairiro Branch Railway	...	...	14,000	0	0	
	Palmerston to Wayne's	...	...	25,000	0	0	
	Edendale to Wyndham	...	...	10,500	0	0	
	Kaitangata Station to Inch Clutha	...	...	9,500	0	0	
						118,750	0 0

*Ordered—*That the Supplementary Estimates be taken into consideration in Committee of Supply presently.

QUESTIONS.

Timber Regulations, Southland District.—Mr. McNeil asked the Provincial Secretary—

1st. Is the Government aware that the Waste Lands Board at Invercargill is refusing to grant Saw-mill licenses except applicants undertake (1) not to supply Railway sleepers, and (2) not to export timber, even coastwise, within the Province?

2nd. Are the Southland Timber Regulations, alleged to be of 6th December, 1872, and found in Provincial *Gazettes* of 9th July and 27th August, 1873, advertised in the General Government *Gazette*, in accordance with the Southland Waste Lands Amendment Act, 1867?

The Provincial Secretary answered—(1) The Government was aware that the said Waste Lands Board had refused in certain instances to grant licenses, except under the condition that the timber should not be cut for railway sleepers, or for export from the district; the reason for its so doing was, to preserve the forest for *bona fide* settlers in the district: and (2) that he believed the Regulations were advertised in the General Government *Gazette*.

Local Revenues, Arrowtown.—Mr. R. Clarke (without notice) asked the Provincial Treasurer—Whether, in his reply to the mover of a motion relative to the Corporation of Arrowtown, yesterday, he stated that the Government would refund to the Corporation of Arrowtown the License Fees collected from December last, according to provisions of Local Revenues Ordinance; and that it was understood that no Municipality had any claim upon the Government in future, by virtue of clauses 4 and 5 of Municipal Act, 1865, Amendment, which was quoted by the mover?

The Provincial Treasurer answered in the affirmative.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Committee of Supply.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, the Council again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee.

Estimates No. 2, 1874-5—Works proposed to be constructed out of Revenue or out of Loan—Considered,—

The following items read and agreed to:—

Railways.—

Otautau Line to Invercargill, and Winton Line at Makarewa

Bridge	...	...	...	...	...	£32,100	0	0
Branch Line to Green Island Coal Pits	...	...	...	...	...	9,160	0	0
Waiareka Valley	...	...	...	...	...	45,000	0	0
Riverton to Orepuki	...	...	...	...	...	28,400	0	0
Riverton to Otautau	...	...	...	...	...	37,100	0	0
Survey of New Railways	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	0	0

The item "Harbour Works, Kakanui, £10,000" being put, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 12.

Mr. Daniel
" Davie
" Lumsden
" M'Kellar
" Reid
" Stout

Mr. Sumpter
" Turnbull
Dr. Webster
Mr. Wood
" M'Lean
" Teschemaker } Tellers.

NOES, 18.

Mr. Allan
" Brown (J. C.)
" Browne, (G. F. C.)
" Clark (H.)
" Clarke (R.)
" de Lautour
" Hazlett
" Henderson
" Ireland

Mr. Kinross
" M'Dermid
" M'Kenzie
" M'Neil
" Rogers
" Turton
" Wilson
" Fish
" Green } Tellers.

So it passed in the Negative.

Remaining item under this head, viz., " Bridge, Taieri, at Hyde, £2,000," read and agreed to.

Supplementary Estimates considered, and the several items therein recommended were severally agreed to as printed.

The Council resumed, and the Chairman reported the Estimates (No. 2.) and the Supplementary Estimates as agreed to in Committee, which were thereupon, on motion of the Provincial Secretary, adopted by the Council.

Otago Harbour Board Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Otago Harbour Board Bill was read a third time and passed.

On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, *Resolved*—That the following members of this Council be elected as members of the Otago Harbour Board, in terms of the 6th section of the " Otago Harbour Board Ordinance, 1874," viz., John Davie, Esquire, and Donald Reid, Esquire,

Dunedin Presbyterian Church Lands Ordinance Amendment Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Dunedin Presbyterian Church Lands Ordinance Amendment Bill was read a third time, and passed.

Hospitals Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Hospitals Bill was read a third time and passed.

Lawrence Reserves Sale Bill (No. 2).—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Lawrence Reserves Sale Bill (No. 2.) was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Gold Duty Repayment Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Gold Duty Repayment Bill was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Naseby Recreation Reserve Management Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Naseby Recreation Reserve Management Bill was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Invercargill Reserves Management Ordinance Amendment Bill.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Invercargill Reserves Management Ordinance Amendment Bill was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time, and passed.

Appropriation Bill, 1874-5.—On motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the Appropriation Bill 1874-5 was read a second time, committed, and, being reported without amendment, was forthwith read a third time and passed.

MOTIONS.

Unauthorised Expenditure.—The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Question was proposed—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to forward to this Council a recommendation to grant a sum of money sufficient to meet the Unauthorised Expenditure referred to in the Letter from the Provincial Auditor, laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker on the 12th day of May, 1874.

The Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative, *nem. con.*, an " absolute majority" of the Council being then present.

Executive Council.—The Provincial Secretary intimated that the hon. member for Kawarau (Duncan M'Kellar, Esquire) had joined the Government, and had been appointed Secretary for the Gold Fields.

Site for School and Master's Residence, Naseby.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 8, block 2, Naseby, be set apart as a site for a School and Master's Residence.

Educational Reserves, Waikaka.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement thirteen (13) acres three (3) roods and thirty (30) poles, more or less, situate in the Waikaka District, being

section numbered 14, block 8, on the map of the said district; bounded towards the north by a road line, one thousand four hundred and six (1,406) links; towards the east by a road line two hundred and nineteen and five-tenths (219 5-10ths) links; towards the south-east by the Waiariki Stream, two thousand seven hundred and fifty (2,750) links; towards the south-south-west by the Tukurau District, seven hundred and eleven (711) links; and towards the west by Crown Lands, one thousand two hundred and twenty (1,220) links—be set apart for Educational purposes.

Gravel Reserve, Wyndham.—On motion of the Secretary for Lands, *Resolved*—That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that all that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement thirty-three (33) acres one (1) rood and five (5) poles, more or less, situate in Wyndham District, being section numbered fifty (50), block four (4), on the map of the said district; bounded towards the north by section numbered 36 and Crown Lands, two thousand three hundred and thirty-one (2,331) links; towards the east by Crown Lands, one thousand four hundred and eighty-one (1,481) links; towards the south by a road line, two thousand and seventy-nine (2,079) links; and towards the south-west and west by a road line, one thousand five hundred and twenty-one (1,521) links—be set apart for a Gravel Reserve.

Government Business.—On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—That Government Business take precedence during the remainder of the Session.

Endowment Reserves—Reply to Message No. 20.—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council having had under its consideration His Honor's Message No. 20 (see page 116), relative to the Reserves set aside as endowments for High, Grammar, and District Schools, Hospitals, Benevolent Institutions, and for the Clutha River Trust, concurs in the recommendations therein contained, and in order to secure that Crown Grants of the Educational Endowments be issued without further delay, respectfully requests that His Honor the Superintendent will take such steps as he may consider necessary to induce the General Government to issue Crown Grants for the Reserves made for High, Grammar, and District Schools, and that so soon as the Grants are issued, the Reserves for Hospitals, Benevolent Institutions, and Clutha River Trust be abandoned.

A Debate ensued.

Mr. M'Lean moved—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after "Trust," line 5, and the insertion of the following, in lieu thereof:—"Concurs in His Honor's view as to the desirability of obtaining Crown Grants for the Educational Reserves, but it is still of opinion that the other Reserves should also be maintained.

Debate continued.

The Question being put—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 14.

Mr. Allan
 „ Davie
 „ Haggitt
 „ Kinross
 „ Lumsden
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Glashan

Mr. M'Kellar
 „ Roberts
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Reid } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

NOES, 21.

Mr. Bastings
 „ Browne (G. F. C.)
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ Green
 „ Hazlett
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ M'Kenzie

Mr. M'Lean
 „ M'Neil
 „ Oliver
 „ Reeves
 „ Rogers
 „ Sumpter
 „ Tolmie
 „ Wood
 „ Brown (J. C.) } Tellers.
 „ Fish }

So it passed in the Negative.

Words omitted.

And the Question being put—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Question, so amended, being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved—That this Council having had under its consideration His Honor's Message No. 20, relative to the Reserves set aside as endowments for High, Grammar, and District Schools, Hospitals, Benevolent Institutions, and for the Clutha River Trust, concurs in His Honor's view as to the desirability of obtaining Crown Grants for the Educational Reserves, but it is still of opinion that the other Reserves should also be maintained.—[*Mr. M'Lean.*]

District Railway Resolutions.—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—

1st. That no District Railway shall be undertaken or authorised by the Provincial Government to be constructed, until the consent of not less than two-thirds of the owners of property in the District supposed to be benefited by such Railway (the boundaries of such District to be defined by this Council) shall have been obtained to a rate being levied from time to time on all property within such District, to a sufficient amount to make up two-fifths of the deficiency (if any) of the interest on the cost of constructing such Railway, and the whole of the deficiency (if any) of the cost of working the line, over and above the cost of levying and collecting such rate.

A Debate ensued.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 19.

Mr. Allan
 „ Brown (J. C.)
 „ Daniel
 „ Davie
 „ Haggitt
 „ Hallenstein
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Kinross
 „ Lumsden

Mr. M'Glashan
 „ Reeves
 „ Roberts
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Reid } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

NOES, 15.

Mr. Bastings
 „ Clark (H.)
 „ Clarke (R.)
 „ Cumming
 „ de Lautour
 „ Hazlett
 „ M'Dermid
 „ M'Kenzie

Mr. M'Neil
 „ Oliver
 „ Rogers
 „ Sumpter
 „ Tolmie
 „ Green } Tellers.
 „ M'Lean }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Provincial Secretary, *Resolved*—

2nd. That, for the purpose of ascertaining the consent of the owners of property in any district, in terms of the preceding Resolution, the votes of such owners shall be calculated in proportion to the property held by them, on a scale similar to that provided in the "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871," for the purposes of that Ordinance.

3rd. That, when any District Railway has to be constructed through any district in which there are unsold lands of the Crown, such lands as shall be included in such district shall be rated to the same extent as other lands, and the rate payable in respect of such lands shall be paid out of Provincial revenues until such lands shall be sold.

4th. That special provision shall be made with the owners of mines, or any works of any description, to which any such line is to be constructed, for contributing towards the payment of working expenses and interest, as may be determined by the Council.

5th. That, for the purposes of these Resolutions, a District Railway shall mean a railway connecting with a Main Branch or Main Line of Railway.

The Question being put on the Resolutions as a whole, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Water Reserve, Invercargill.—On motion of Mr. Lumsden, *Resolved*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to reserve, in terms of section

16, Southland Waste Lands Act, 1865, as a site for the collection and supply of water for the Town of Invercargill, the land consisting of one block 600 acres, being a rectangular block of land situated near the head of the west branch of the Dunsdale Creek, in the Forest Hill Hundred, having 100 chains frontage to the creek, and a depth of 30 chains on each side thereof; and one block 600 acres, being a rectangular block of land situated on the east branch of the Dunsdale Creek, in the Forest Hill and Waimumu Hundreds, having 100 chains to the creek, and a depth of 30 chains on each side thereof.

Costs of Survey.—On motion of Mr. J. C. Brown, *Resolved*—That Interim Report No. 8, from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, *in re* Order of Reference No. 3, as to costs of Survey, be approved:—"Your Committee are of opinion that the charges under the Government Regulations require considerable modification, and would suggest an inquiry into the subject." (*Appendix*, page 227.)

Shag Valley Land Sale.—The following motion, standing in the name of Mr. J. C. Brown, was ruled informal—That Interim Report No. 5 from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, *in re* Shag Valley Land Sale, be approved. Report as follows:—"Your Committee are of opinion that the late Government are responsible for a serious loss of revenue to the Province, and an injustice to intending competitors, by not carrying out the Resolution of the Provincial Council passed on the 10th July, 1873,—That this Council recommends the Government to grant the prayer of the Petition of settlers in the Shag Valley District—the Superintendent having been advised by his responsible advisers on the 31st July, 1873, one day after the session closed, not to exercise his right of reservation." (*Appendix*, page 190.)

Report re Petition of R. S. Allan.—Mr. J. C. Brown moved, and the Question was proposed—That Interim Report No. 6 from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, *in re* Petition of Robert Sinclair Allan, be approved. Report as follows:—"Your Committee have considered this Petition, and are of opinion that, seeing strong inducements were held out to parties to proceed to Martin's Bay Settlement, and that the Petitioner proceeded there, at considerable expense, with the full intention of settling, evidenced by his making a considerable outlay, and that, owing to that encouragement that was expected to be given by the Government not being fulfilled, he was compelled to abandon his enterprise: In the opinion of your Committee, the Government ought, to take whatever steps may be found necessary to secure the Petitioner a Crown Grant for his fifty-acre section." (*Appendix*, page 195.)

Motion made, and Question proposed—Tha this Debate be now adjourned.—[*Mr. M'Kenzie.*]

Question for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.

The original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Petition of Roxburgh Land Committee.—On motion of Mr. J. C. Brown, *Resolved*—That Interim Report No. 7, from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, *in re* Petition of the Roxburgh Land Committee, be approved. Report as follows:—"Your Committee have carefully considered this Petition, and have to report that the evidence of eight known practical men is so completely contradictory to that of Warden Simpson, in regard to the character of the two blocks of land on Henderson's Run, Mount Bengier, that the Committee are of opinion that if the arrangements regarding these blocks have not been completed, the Government should not do so until the matter is more fully investigated." (*Appendix*, page 227.)

Government Vouchers.—On motion of Mr. J. C. Brown, *Resolved*—That in the opinion of this Council, the Government should make arrangements so as to ensure to their employèes the full amount of the vouchers given them for work done.

Adjournment.—The Provincial Secretary moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council do now adjourn.

The Question being put, the Council divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 18.

Mr. Allan
 „ Cumming
 „ Daniel
 „ Davie
 „ Driver
 „ Haggitt
 „ Henderson
 „ Ireland
 „ Lumsden

Mr. M'Kellar
 „ M'Lean
 „ Rogers
 „ Turnbull
 Dr. Webster
 Mr. Wilson
 „ Wood
 „ Reid } Tellers.
 „ Stout }

NOES, 14.

Mr. Bastings	Mr. M'Dermid	
„ Browne (G. F. C.)	„ M'Kenzie	
„ Clarke (R.)	„ M'Neil	
„ de Lautour	„ Sumpter	
„ Green	„ Turton	
„ Hazlett	„ Brown (J. C.)	} Tellers.
„ Kinross	„ Fish	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council accordingly adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., on Monday next.

Monday, June 15, 1874.—(Two o'clock, p.m.)

Prayers. Minutes read and confirmed.

Petition.—Mr. J. C. Brown presented a Petition from 66 residents and settlers in the Waitahuna, Clark's Flat, and Tuapeka Districts against the proposed road through sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, block 6, Waitahuna West District.

Petition received, and ordered to be referred to the Government.

Provincial Accounts and Balance Sheet.—Mr. Speaker read and laid upon the Table—Letter from the Provincial Auditor, respecting the Provincial Accounts and Balance Sheet, with Enclosure. (See *Appendix*, page 165.)

Southland Papers.—Mr. Speaker having solicited an instruction from the Council in the matter of the printing of the papers selected by the Southland Papers Selection Committee of last Session, on motion of Mr. Lumsden, *Ordered*—That it be an instruction to Mr. Speaker to get all the papers selected by the said Committee, printed, with the exception of the Correspondence with the Home Agent.

Waste Lands and Immigration Committee.—Mr. J. C. Brown brought up—Interim Report, No. 9, together with the Final Report from the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee.—(See *Appendix*, pages 227 and 228.)

Ordered—That the said Committee be discharged.

Abbotsford Coal Pits.—Under suspension of Standing Orders, Mr. J. C. Brown, without previous notice, moved, and the Question was proposed—That it is desirable that a branch line of Railway be constructed, to connect the Abbotsford Coal Pits with the main line, and with that view this Council hereby authorises the Government to construct the same during the recess: Provided that before any expenditure is incurred under this resolution, the proprietors of the mines shall agree to come under the terms of the Resolutions regarding District Railways already passed by this Council.

Question put, and resolved in the Affirmative.

MOTIONS.

Toll Bars.—Mr. J. C. Brown moved, and the Question was proposed—That this Council is of opinion that, on the expiration of present leases, the time will have arrived when Toll Bars should be abolished on the roads of the Province.

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Tenders for Light Railways, &c.—On motion of Mr. Fish, *Resolved*—That, referring to the Report of the Committee on the Light Railway Tenders, and the expenditure on Road "Tokomairiro to Tuapeka," this Council is of opinion, that in the transfer by the late Executive of the vote for Road "Teviot to Tuapeka" to "Tokomairiro to Tuapeka," and in the acceptance of the Light Railway Tenders, no individual member of the late Executive acted from any improper motives. (For Report see *Appendix*, page 199.)

Analysis of Business.—Mr. Speaker read and laid upon the Table the following analysis of the Business of the Session :—

(*Analysis of the Business, Session XXXIII., 1874.*)

Length of Session	48 days.
No. of days on which the Council sat	31
Average length of Sittings	6½ hours.
Messages received from His Honor the Superintendent	21
Addresses and Resolutions passed and forwarded to His Honor the Superintendent and the Government	183
Bills introduced	39
Bills passed	39
Petitions presented to the Council	112
Papers laid upon the Table	80
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Notices of Motions given	303
Committees appointed	9
Reports brought up from Committees	55
Divisions recorded in Journals	89
Entries in Journals	760

Prorogation.—His Honor the Superintendent being announced by the Clerk, entered the Council Chamber, and delivered the following Address in prorogation of the Council :—

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL—

On behalf of the Governor, on the 14th day of May last, I assented to the Imprest Supply Ordinance, 1874, passed by you.

I have this day, on behalf of the Governor, assented to the following Ordinances passed by you :—

Naseby Water Works Empowering Ordinance, 1874.
 Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1873, Introduction Ordinance, 1874.
 Dunedin City Council Borrowing Powers Extension Ordinance, 1874.
 Otago Dock Trust Ordinance, 1865, Repeal Ordinance, 1874.
 Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinances Amendment Ordinance, 1874.
 Sawyer's Bay Lands Leasing Ordinance, 1874.
 Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871, Amendment Ordinance, 1874.
 Clyde Corporation Borrowing Powers Extension Ordinance, 1874.
 Roslyn Institute Ordinance, 1874.
 Licensing Ordinance, 1865, Amendment Ordinance, 1874.
 Caledonian Society of Otago Incorporation Ordinance, 1874.
 Oamaru Harbour Board Ordinance, 1874.
 Hospitals Ordinance, 1874.
 Otago Gold Duty Repayment Ordinance, 1874.
 Appropriation Ordinance, 1874-5.

I have also this day reserved, for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon, the following Bills passed by you :—

Riverton Government Reserve Bill, 1874.
 Portobello Cemetery Reserve Sale Bill, 1874.
 Lower Kaikorai District Road Lands Exchange Bill, 1874.
 Papakaia Railway Reserve Sale Bill, 1874.
 Roads Diversion Bill, 1874.
 Dunedin School Site Bill, 1874.
 New River Harbour Board Bill, 1874.
 Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill, 1874.
 Castle-street Diversion Bill, 1874.
 New River and Jacob's River Ferries Reserves Leasing Bill, 1874.
 Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land Taking Bill, 1874.
 Riverton Drill Shed Reserve Management Bill, 1874.
 Lawrence Reserves Sale Bill, 1874.
 Riverton Harbour Board Bill, 1874.
 Roads Diversion Bill (No. 2), 1874.
 Palmerston School Glebe Exchange Bill, 1874.

Port Chalmers School Reserve Sale Bill, 1874.
Otago Harbour Board Bill, 1874.
Dunedin Presbyterian Church Lands Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1874.
Lawrence Reserves Sale Bill (No. 2), 1874.
Naseby Recreation Reserve Management Bill, 1874.
Invercargill Reserves Management Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1874.

And from the Oamaru Rifle Range Reserve Management Bill, 1874, I withhold the Governor's assent.

I have now to thank you for your attendance, and to express a hope, in which I am sure you all share, that, under the Divine blessing, the result of the Session may conduce towards the best interests of the Province. The various and important matters which you have remitted to the Executive Government shall have my best attention, and the large expenditure which has been authorised by you will be disposed of with due regard to economy and efficiency.

Gentlemen, I now declare this Council prorogued, and it stands prorogued accordingly.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

Dunedin, 15th June, 1874.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

SESSION XXXIII.

1874.

ENQUIRY into alleged beating of a Roman Catholic Child at
Tokomairiro School.

(REPORT OF COMMISSIONER, AND EVIDENCE RELATING THERETO.)

COMMISSION.

JAMES FERGUSSON, GOVERNOR.

To James Pillans Maitland, Esquire, of Tokomairiro, in the Province of Otago, Greeting :

Whereas it has been alleged that the Head Teacher of the Tokomairiro Government School had beaten a Roman Catholic boy for refusing to attend at bible reading and Protestant prayers, notwithstanding the remonstrance of the assistant teacher : And whereas it is expedient that enquiry should be made as to the truth of the said allegation :

Now, therefore, I, SIR JAMES FERGUSSON, Baronet, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, appoint you, the said JAMES PILLANS MAITLAND, Esquire, to be a Commissioner to enquire into the truth of the said allegation : And I do hereby, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, require you, within two calendar months after the date of this Commission, or as much sooner as the same can conveniently be done, using all diligence, to certify to me, under your hand and seal, your several proceedings, and your opinion touching the premises : And, with the like advice and consent, I do hereby declare that this Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, the said Commissioner, shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, although the same be not continued, from time to time by adjournment.

(L.S.) Given under the hand of His Excellency SIR JAMES FERGUSSON, Baronet, a member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, and issued under the Seal of the said Colony this tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-three.

JOHN BATHGATE.

Approved in Council.
FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER.

Tokomairiro, 30th October, 1873.

The Hon. the Minister of Justice, Wellington.

SIR,—In conformity with instructions conveyed to me under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, dated the 10th day of September, 1873, requiring me to enquire into the truth of an allegation that the Head Teacher of the Tokomairiro Government School had beaten a Roman Catholic boy for refusing to attend at Bible reading and Protestant prayers, notwithstanding the remonstrance of the Assistant Teacher ; and to certify under my hand and seal, my several proceedings, and my opinion touching the premises—I have now the honor to certify as follows :—

That on the 22nd and 23rd days of October inst., I held an enquiry at the Court-house, Tokomairiro, into the complaint, having previously given due notice of the same to all parties concerned.

That I afforded every assistance to the Rev. Wm. Coleman, who first brought the matter under the

notice of the Inspector of Schools, Dunedin, as well as the Head Master of the Tokomairiro Government School, in procuring the attendance at the enquiry of all witnesses named by them.

That I took the evidence of all such witnesses in writing, and forward the depositions herewith.

That besides the parties directly concerned, there were also present during the enquiry, several members of the Local School Committee.

That I find from the evidence,—the origin of the report and facts of the case to be as follows:—

That some time about December, 1872, Mrs. M'Farlane, the teacher at the Roman Catholic School, Tokomairiro, reported to the Rev. Wm. Coleman, what purported to be a statement made to her by a girl, named Minnie Curran, a pupil at her school, and a daughter of a Roman Catholic, named John Curran, a resident in Tokomairiro, to the effect, that her brother, Michael Curran, who at the time attended the Tokomairiro Government School, had told his father that he had been beaten by Mr. Ross, the Head Teacher, for refusing to attend at Bible reading and prayers, notwithstanding the remonstrance of Mr. M'Intyre, the Assistant Teacher.

That Mr. Coleman after questioning the girl, Minnie Curran, who it may be here stated is twelve years of age, reported the matter to Mr. Hislop, the Inspector of Schools, Dunedin; the particulars of the report, and the correspondence relative thereto, may be seen on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th pages of the printed correspondence forwarded herewith.*

It will be noticed that Mr. Coleman did not make the report to the Inspector, as of a fact within his own knowledge, but merely as a report which had reached him, and which he communicated to the Inspector, as the proper person to be made acquainted with it.

Mrs. M'Farlane adheres in her evidence to the substance of her report to Mr. Coleman as to Minnie Curran's statement to her.

Minnie Curran in her evidence denies ever having made any statement to Mrs. M'Farlane regarding her brother having said that he was flogged for not attending Bible reading or prayers, although she admits having told Mrs. M'Farlane, in answer to her questions, that her brother had been punished by Mr. Ross for his reading and spelling lessons. She altogether denies having made any reference to the Assistant Teacher. She admits, however, having afterwards said, in answer to Mr. Coleman's questions on the subject, that her brother *had* been punished for not reading the Bible, but says she did not understand his question. Mr. Coleman, after questioning Minnie Curran, does not seem to have taken any further steps to investigate the matter before reporting it to Mr. Hislop.

Whatever the girl, Minnie Curran's statement may have been, either to Mrs. M'Farlane, or to Mr. Coleman, it is perfectly clear from the evidence taken by me, that there is not the smallest foundation in fact, for the statement that her brother, Michael Curran, had been beaten at the Tokomairiro Government School, by the Head Teacher, Mr. Ross, or by anyone, in connection with Bible reading or religious instruction.

This, setting aside the strong evidence of the Head and Assistant Teachers on the point, is clearly substantiated by the evidence of Michael Curran himself, his father and mother, and that of a pupil teacher and pupil, who were at the school during all the time Michael Curran attended it.

It appears that Mr. Ross, the Head Teacher, has always taught the only Bible class in the School, which was held from half-past 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning, being the first class of the day; and although Michael Curran seems to have attended this, all the evidence is entirely against his ever having been punished by Mr. Ross in connection with it, or at any other time; although, apparently, he was frequently punished by Mr. M'Intyre, the Assistant Teacher, under whom he was, during the remainder of the day, whilst being taught reading and the other branches.

It will be observed from the depositions that evidence was taken by me with regard to the practice (obtaining at the Tokomairiro Government School) in the case of Catholic children at that school, in connection with their attendance at Bible reading and religious instruction. This evidence, although not directly applicable to the case which I was required to investigate, I allowed it to be given, as the parties concerned seemed desirous to have the practice of the school in this respect placed on record.

In conclusion, I repeat that a careful consideration of all the available evidence on the subject, shows the allegation that the Head Teacher of the Tokomairiro Government School had beaten a Roman Catholic boy for refusing to attend at Bible reading and Protestant prayers, notwithstanding the remonstrance of the Assistant Teacher, to be entirely without foundation.

Certified under my hand and seal this Thirtieth day of October, 1873.

JAMES P. MAITLAND.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

William Coleman, being sworn, states as follows:—

I am the Vicar-General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin. I heard from Mrs. M'Farlane, teacher of the Roman Catholic School at Tokomairiro, about the end of December, 1872, that a boy named Michael Curran had been beaten by the head teacher of the Tokomairiro Government School, for not attending at Bible reading and Protestant prayers, and that she had been told this by Minnie Curran, the sister of the boy. I sent for Minnie Curran. I asked her if it was true that her brother had been

* Vide "Appendix to Votes and Proceedings," Sess. XXXII., 1873, pages 106—108.

beaten for not attending Bible reading and Protestant instruction. She said yes; that he had told his father so. I said, Why did he not leave the school at once? She said he did not, or that she did not know. I asked her what her father said. She said, he said nothing. On my return to Dunedin, I reported the matter to my Bishop. The Bishop and I afterwards reported the matter to Mr. Hislop—as stated in the printed letters.*

Cross-examined by Mr. Ross :—

I did not call upon you in reference to this matter. I did not make any representation to the District School Committee before informing Mr. Hislop of what I had heard. My reason for not doing so was, that under the 41st section of the Education Ordinance I am excluded from a right to make any such visit. Secondly—because a teacher at another school under the Otago Education Board refused to give me a reply in reference to the religious instruction of Catholic children at his school, saying he did not know what use I might make of his reply. Thirdly—I considered Mr. Hislop, as Inspector of Schools, the proper person to whom the representation should be made, that he might deal with the case as he thought proper. I made inquiry for the boy Michael Curran, but did not see him; it was at church that I made the inquiry. I did not see Michael Curran until several months after I heard the report. I did not see the boy's father the day I made the inquiry at the church. I left the district the next morning. I have only seen Curran's father once to speak to him since I heard the report—that was about two months since. I first saw Michael Curran on the day I saw his father, I asked him whether he had been beaten at the Government School for not attending religious instruction? He said he had not. I said, Were you present at Bible reading? He said, Yes, always. I said, Did your father say anything to you about not attending Bible reading? He said, No. I said, Did you speak to any person about the beating? He said, No, except to my father and mother; I said I was not beaten. I said, Are you certain of this? and he said, Yes. Afterwards, on the same day, I spoke both to the father and son together. I asked the father if he gave his son any instructions about Bible reading? He said, yes; he had told him to have nothing to do with it. I asked the father if he had ever spoken to the teachers about the Bible reading and religious instruction? He said, no; he had had no conversation about it. I afterwards communicated with Mrs. M'Farlane, asking her to state precisely what she was prepared to testify to. She replied that she could testify to her original statement. Mrs. M'Farlane's original statement was to the effect that the girl Curran had said, that the second master had said, "This is one of the Catholic boys;" and that the head master had replied, "I don't care for that," and proceeded to castigate him, notwithstanding the remonstrance. This statement of Mrs. M'Farlane's was a verbal one. Mrs. M'Farlane conducts the Roman Catholic School in the Tokomairiro District. I was desirous that the inquiry into this matter should have taken place in Easter week last. I afterwards made up my mind to have nothing to do with the inquiry, except it was held upon sworn evidence, and requested Mr. Maitland to communicate the same to the Minister of Justice. The statement made by the Provincial Secretary in the Provincial Council, on 2nd July last, that the delay was occasioned by my calling for a postponement of the matter for six weeks, was not correct, as I was prepared to go into the matter about three months before that time.

WM. COLEMAN.

Alice Curran, being sworn, deposes :—

I am the wife of John Curran. I live in Tokomairiro. I have a daughter called Minnie. I never heard anything of a report that my son had been beaten at the Tokomairiro Government school until I saw some notice of it in the papers. I asked my daughter Minnie about it after I saw it in the papers. I asked her what she had said? She said that Father Coleman had asked her whether her brother had been punished in the school, and she did not mention anything about the Bible. She said she did not understand what Father Coleman meant the punishment was for. She said she told Father Coleman that her brother had been punished. I also asked my son Michael about the matter. He said he was never punished for the Bible, nor asked to read it at the school. I do not remember if my husband was present when I spoke to my daughter; I asked the girl the question in presence of my son Michael. I have spoken to my husband about the matter. The boy and girl were both present when I spoke to my husband about the matter. I do not remember speaking about the matter to anyone except my husband and children. I am a Catholic. I never spoke to the master of the Tokomairiro school about my son and Bible instruction; I never spoke to him about anything. He never said anything to me either. I never spoke to my son about not reading the Bible, or about religious instruction in school; he never spoke to me about it, and I never spoke to him. I never spoke to my husband about the reading of the Bible in the school after I read what I before mentioned in the papers. I did not know that the Bible was read at the school when I heard the report. I never spoke to any of the teachers about the reading of the Bible. I had once a talk with Mrs. Lynch about the report about the matter; I also talked once or twice to Mr. Lynch on the subject. When I said before that I had not mentioned the matter to anyone except my own family I did not remember having spoken of it to Mr. and Mrs. Lynch. I did not speak to Mrs. Connor or to John Connor on the subject. I spoke to Mrs. Connor to-day about the case. I do not remember speaking to any other persons than those I have mentioned. I now remember speaking to my sister-in-law, Johanna Russell, and her husband. My husband was present when I spoke to them.

ALICE CURRAN.

John Hislop, being sworn, states as follows :—

I am Inspector of Schools to the Otago Education Board. In January last, Bishop Moran and Father Coleman called at my office in Dunedin; in the course of the conversation which followed Father Coleman made a statement to the following effect: That it had been reported to him that the head master of the

Tokomairiro Grammar School, some time before was chastising, or threatening to chastise, a pupil, the son of Catholic parents, because he was late in coming to school, or because he had failed to attend Bible reading; I understood the lateness to consist in his failing to attend the Bible reading; but while so doing, the under master remonstrated, urging that the boy was a Catholic; the master exclaimed "I don't care for that," and proceeded with the chastisement of the boy. The impression on my mind at the time was, that Father Coleman believed the truth of the statement. Father Coleman gave me to understand that he did not wish me to receive the statement as a formal charge made by him against the head master of the school, the reason given by him being that he had received the statement on report, and that he was not sure that he should be able to bring forward sufficient legal evidence in support of the charge if an official inquiry should be made into the matter. I, therefore, from what Father Coleman had said, did not feel warranted at that time in reporting the matter to the Education Board. I remember Father Coleman saying he did not bring any charge against the teacher as he could not prove the case. It was not Father Coleman's conversation with me alone that led me to report the matter to the Education Board; but very soon after the conversation took place, I read in a Dunedin newspaper what purported to be a pastoral address issued by the Right Rev. Bishop Moran. From the circumstance that Bishop Moran was along with Father Coleman in my office, and heard his statement with regard to the Tokomairiro schoolmaster's conduct, I could not help intimately connecting a statement in that pastoral address with the reported occurrence at the Tokomairiro school; I therefore addressed a letter to Father Coleman, dated 28th January 1873. My object in writing the letter was, that Father Coleman and I might be able to agree as to what Father Coleman had said to me on the matter in my office. I should not have brought the matter before the Education Board upon Father Coleman's statement by itself, as I have stated before. I have had no complaints whatever in connection with the Bible reading and religious instruction at the Tokomairiro Grammar School, except the one made by Father Coleman. I have had no official correspondence with the School Committee or teacher, directly, on the subject of Father Coleman's complaint. Some few days after Father Coleman's conversation, I met Mr Ross in the street, and mentioned the matter to him in a somewhat jocular manner. He appeared to know nothing at all about it, and appeared much surprised. I mentioned the matter in a jocular way, and I attached little or no importance to the report at that time, that being previous to my perusal of Bishop Moran's pastoral.

JOHN HISLOP.

John Connor being sworn, depones:—

I am a labouring man, residing at Fairfax. I met Michael Curran on the road, about the time the report was in the papers about his having been beaten at the school for not reading the Bible. I asked him if it was true, and he laughed and said it was not true. I afterwards heard Father Coleman talking to Michael Curran at the church. I heard Father Coleman ask him if his father ever cautioned him about reading the Bible. Michael said his father never cautioned him. I remember, also, another Sunday at the church. John Curran went in to attend Father Coleman at the Mass, as a clerk. Father Coleman asked him, after Mass—(he called John Curran and Michael Curran to speak to him)—whether he had ever cautioned his son Michael about reading the Bible at the Government School; and John Curran said he did caution him. Michael Curran was present when Father Coleman spoke to his father. Father Coleman then asked Michael if his father ever cautioned him about reading it, and Michael did not answer, but began to cry. His father told him to speak the truth, and not be frightened. Michael then spoke, and said that his father did caution him—not to read it. If Michael Curran swore that I did not speak to him about the report of his having been beaten, he did not speak the truth. I also spoke to John Curran about the report, and asked him if it was true; and he said it was not true; and I said I did not believe that Mr. Ross would do it. I did not speak to Mrs. Curran about it.

JOHN CONNOR.

Michael Curran being sworn, depones:—

I am the son of John Curran residing at Tokomairiro. I have been at school at the Tokomairiro Grammar School. I left the school at the last Christmas holidays. The schoolmasters were Mr. M'Intyre, who taught me, and Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross was head master during the time I was at school. I was punished for reading lessons by Mr. M'Intyre, but not for the Bible. I was in a class in which the Bible was read, but I did not read it. Mr. Ross heard the Bible lesson in Mr. M'Intyre's room. Mr. Ross never asked me to read the Bible. The Bible class was the first class in the morning at half-past 9. I generally used to go about that time. I always attended the Bible class when I was in time. I had not a Bible of my own, no one in the school ever gave me one; all the boys in the school were in the Bible class, which Mr. Ross taught in Mr. M'Intyre's room. I did not read the Bible because my father was a Roman Catholic. My father had not told me not to read the Bible; neither Mr. Ross, nor Mr. M'Intyre asked me to read the Bible, nor told me not to read it, nor told me to come to the Bible class. The morning class at half-past 9, is the only one in which the Bible was read. I do not know whether the schoolmaster knew I was a Roman Catholic, but the boys did. I was never punished for being late for the Bible class, nor for not reading the Bible in the class. I was never punished by Mr. Ross in the Bible class. I do not remember ever having been punished by Mr. Ross for anything. I remember Mr. M'Intyre punishing me for my reading lesson, in a book called "The Junior Reader." I remember also Mr. M'Intyre punishing me for talking. I never told anyone about my having been punished at school. I never spoke to my sister Minnie about having been punished at school. My sister Minnie never spoke to me about it. After my father saw the account in the papers about my having been punished for not reading the Bible, he asked me if I had been punished, and I told him I had not been punished for not reading the Bible. My mother was in the room when my father asked me if I had been punished. Father Coleman also asked me about

it. Mrs. M'Farlane was present as well as a priest. I told him I had not been beaten, for not reading the Bible. I have never spoken to Mr. Ross or Mr. M'Intyre since the report of beating. I have never spoken to any of the school boys about the beating. Mrs. Russel, my aunt, asked me about the beating, and I said I had not been beaten. There were no prayers at school; neither my father or mother told me not to read the Bible, or anything about religious instructions in school. Mr. Lynch asked me about the beating after he saw the report in the paper. I told him I had not been beaten for not reading the Bible. I only remember Mr Lynch speaking to me once about this. I was in the stable at Lynch's. I never heard Mr. Lynch and my father and mother speaking about my having been beaten. I remember Father Coleman speaking to Mr. Lynch about the beating. I remember Father Coleman speaking to my father about it also. I never spoke to Mr. Colfer about the matter. I never spoke to Connor about the matter. We did not read the Bible every day.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ross:—

I do not remember you calling me out of the class to speak to me. I do not remember your asking me if my father knew I was at the Bible class. I now remember Mr. Ross calling me out of the class, but I do not remember what it was about. This was some time after I went to the school. Neither my sister Minnie, nor my father or mother told me that the priest was looking for me.

M. CURRAN.

Sarah Ann Louisa M'Farlane, being sworn, depones:—

I am the teacher at the Roman Catholic School at Tokomairiro. I have been between two and three years teacher in Tokomairiro. There was a girl at my school called Minnie Curran. She left it at last Christmas vacation, and has not been there since. Two or three months before the Christmas vacation last year, Minnie Curran told me in my house that the boys were going to prayers in the morning in Mr. Ross's room, and Michael Curran, her brother, remained in Mr. M'Intyre's room; that Mr. Ross had gone in to Michael, in Mr. M'Intyre's room, and asked him why he did not come in to prayers along with the other boys. He said he never did go in to prayers, as his father would not allow him to go. Mr. Ross said he must go in along with the other boys; and then Mr. Ross flogged him. Mr. M'Intyre said, "This is one of the Irish boys," and Mr. Ross said he did not care. Minnie said that Michael had told this at home to his father. I had my doubts about the truth of this statement, and I asked Minnie at intervals what her father said, and she told me that he had said that when Michael was flogged, he should have left the school and gone home; and that Michael had said he was ashamed to do so. Minnie said that Michael had said he was flogged upon the back and legs. I told Father Coleman about the report I had heard from Minnie Curran the first time he came up. I have not spoken to the girl's father, mother, or brother about this matter. I remember being present when Father Coleman spoke to Michael Curran about it.

SARAH ANN L. MACFARLANE.

Minnie Curran, being sworn, depones:—

I am a daughter of John Curran, residing at Tokomairiro. I am twelve years of age. I was at Mrs. M'Farlane's, the Roman Catholic School at Tokomairiro. I was there before last Christmas. Mrs. M'Farlane asked me what school my brother Michael was going to, and asked me if he liked the school he was at—Mr. Ross's school. She asked me if he ever got punished for his lessons. I told her that he used to get palmies for his lessons. I told Mrs. M'Farlane that he had got punished for his reading and spelling lessons. I am certain I never said anything to Mrs. M'Farlane about his having been punished for his Bible lessons, or for not going to prayers. I said it was Mr. Ross that punished him. I did not speak about Mr. M'Intyre's name at all. I do not remember speaking more than once to Mrs. M'Farlane about my brother and the school. I knew what I told Mrs. M'Farlane from what some of Mr. Ross's scholars used to tell me. They used to call out on the way home from school that my brother had been punished. Sometimes Michael used to say he had got palmies for his reading and lessons. No one ever asked me what I had told to Mrs. M'Farlane. I remember Father Coleman asking me if my brother ever got punished at Mr. Ross's school for not reading the Bible. I said yes. I thought he meant punished for his reading lesson. I do not believe that my brother ever was punished for not reading the Bible at school; no one ever told me so. When I said yes in answer to Father Coleman's question, it was not true, because I did not understand the question.

Cross-examined:—

I remember the day of the baptism at the church. When I went home I did not say anything to my father and mother afterwards. After my father and mother saw the report in the papers about my brother being beaten, they asked me if I knew anything about it. I said that Father Coleman had asked me about it at the church—if Michael had been punished for reading the Bible. I said I had not understood Father Coleman. Mr. Lynch never spoke to me about my brother having been beaten. No one spoke to me but my father and mother.

MINNIE CURRAN.

John Curran being sworn, depones:—

I am a labourer residing at Fairfax. I have a son called Michael Curran. He went first to the Roman Catholic school in Tokomairiro, and as he did not make much progress there, I sent him to Mr. Ross's,

the Government school. He left the Government school last Christmas time ; he was about six months at the Government school. During the time my son was at the Government school he never told me he was punished for anything. I saw a report in the paper that a Catholic boy in Tokomairiro had been punished at the Government school there for not reading the Bible, or something to that effect, and that his sister had said this. I then asked my son if he had ever been punished at school for not reading the Bible ; he said that he never had. I went to Mr. Ross a day or two after this and asked him if my boy had been punished as reported ; he said he never had punished my boy, nor forced him to read the Bible, or go to prayers ; that he never would ask a Catholic boy to do so without the consent of his parents. I heard that Father Coleman had questioned my daughter at chapel as to whether her brother had been beaten at school for not reading the Bible, and that she had said that he had been. I do not remember who told me this. Immediately after hearing this, I asked my daughter if she had told Father Coleman that her brother had been beaten at school for not reading the Bible ; she began to cry, and said that she never said it. She appeared to me to be frightened, and I did not like to say anything more to her. I did not know whether she was in dread of me or not. When my boy went to the Government school, I spoke to Mr. Ross about the fees ; I did not say anything to Mr. Ross about my son not reading the Bible. Mr. Ross did not say anything to me about my son not reading the Bible. I told my son before he went to the school not to have anything to do with reading the Bible or prayers. If my son swore that I never told him about not reading the Bible and not going to prayers, he states what is not true, as I told him this before he went to the school. After I heard the report of the beating, my wife and I may have spoken about the matter together. I believe I told her what Mr. Ross had said to me about it. I might have spoken to Mr. Lynch about what appeared in the papers, but do not remember doing so. I only spoke the one time to Mr. Ross about the matter. I never spoke to my daughter or son about what evidence they were to give at this inquiry. I spoke again to my daughter about what she had said to Father Coleman. She said she did not understand what he was saying to her that day in the chapel. I never asked my daughter whether she had said anything to Mrs. M'Farlane about her brother having been beaten.

Cross-examined by Mrs. Ross:—

I cannot remember whether I told you that my son was a Catholic when he first went to the Government school. My son did not bring any message to me from you, as to whether he was to read the Bible in school. I never heard from him, or any other party, that you wished to make any inquiry on that subject. He never complained to me that you forced him to attend at religious instruction or Bible reading. I might have asked my son once or twice if he was forced to attend the Bible class or prayers at school ; and if I did so, he told me that he was not. I do not know whether I made use of the expression "forced." I believe that when I sent my son to the Government School, I told Mr. Ross, the master, that he had been previously at the Catholic School, but had not made much progress.

JOHN CURRAN.

Mr. Hislop recalled:—

I would consider the head master of a Government School to be generally responsible for the classification of the children, and the organisation of the school ; but each teacher is responsible for the manner in which he performs the duties assigned to him. If there was any continued violation of the Board's regulations on the part of any under teacher, which might reasonably be expected to have come under the knowledge of the head master, I should hold both blameworthy. I consider that the Board's regulations with regard to Bible reading and religious instruction apply directly to every teacher in a Government School ; and in order that no teacher may escape responsibility with regard to Bible reading and religious instruction, a circular letter has been sent to every teacher under the Board. I submit a copy of the circular dated 10th June, 1873, on page 6 of the printed correspondence.* This circular was also sent to School Committees, who were informed by it that a copy had been sent to all the teachers.

JOHN HISLOP.

Thomas Lynch, being sworn, depones:—

I am a farmer, residing at Tokomairiro. I remember seeing a report in the papers about a boy having been beaten at the Tokomairiro school for not reading the Bible. Some time after I asked Michael Curran if the report was true, that he had been beaten for not reading the Bible, and which of the masters had beaten him. He said that neither of the masters had punished him for not reading the Bible. I afterwards spoke to John Curran about the matter ; I believe that Mrs. Curran was present. When I spoke to Michael Curran, Michael Fitzgerald was present, and also Mr. Spooner's boys. I recollect Michael Curran telling Father Coleman, in the chapel, that he never had spoken to any one about the report of the beating, except his father and mother. If Michael Curran were to state that when I asked him about his having been beaten at the school there was no one present, he would not be stating the truth, as Fitzgerald was present.

THOS. LYNCH.

William Kavanagh, being sworn, depones:—

I live at Glenore ; I am a miner. I was present at a conversation between Father Coleman and a girl named Minnie Curran, which took place in the Catholic Chapel, Tokomairiro. Father Coleman called

APPENDIX
TO
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

SESSION XXXIII.

1874.

ENQUIRY into alleged beating of a Roman Catholic Child at
Tokomairiro School.

(REPORT OF COMMISSIONER, AND EVIDENCE RELATING THERETO.)

COMMISSION.

JAMES FERGUSSON, GOVERNOR.

To James Pillans Maitland, Esquire, of Tokomairiro, in the Province of Otago, Greeting :

Whereas it has been alleged that the Head Teacher of the Tokomairiro Government School had beaten a Roman Catholic boy for refusing to attend at bible reading and Protestant prayers, notwithstanding the remonstrance of the assistant teacher : And whereas it is expedient that enquiry should be made as to the truth of the said allegation :

Now, therefore, I, SIR JAMES FERGUSSON, Baronet, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, appoint you, the said JAMES PILLANS MAITLAND, Esquire, to be a Commissioner to enquire into the truth of the said allegation : And I do hereby, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, require you, within two calendar months after the date of this Commission, or as much sooner as the same can conveniently be done, using all diligence, to certify to me, under your hand and seal, your several proceedings, and your opinion touching the premises : And, with the like advice and consent, I do hereby declare that this Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, the said Commissioner, shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, although the same be not continued, from time to time by adjournment.

(L.S.) Given under the hand of His Excellency SIR JAMES FERGUSSON, Baronet, a member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, and issued under the Seal of the said Colony this tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-three.

JOHN BATHGATE.

Approved in Council.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER.

Tokomairiro, 30th October, 1873.

The Hon. the Minister of Justice, Wellington.

SIR,—In conformity with instructions conveyed to me under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, dated the 10th day of September, 1873, requiring me to enquire into the truth of an allegation that the Head Teacher of the Tokomairiro Government School had beaten a Roman Catholic boy for refusing to attend at Bible reading and Protestant prayers, notwithstanding the remonstrance of the Assistant Teacher ; and to certify under my hand and seal, my several proceedings, and my opinion touching the premises— I have now the honor to certify as follows :—

That on the 22nd and 23rd days of October inst., I held an-enquiry at the Court-house, Tokomairiro, into the complaint, having previously given due notice of the same to all parties concerned.

That I afforded every assistance to the Rev. Wm. Coleman, who first brought the matter under the

notice of the Inspector of Schools, Dunedin, as well as the Head Master of the Tokomairiro Government School, in procuring the attendance at the enquiry of all witnesses named by them.

That I took the evidence of all such witnesses in writing, and forward the depositions herewith.

That besides the parties directly concerned, there were also present during the enquiry, several members of the Local School Committee.

That I find from the evidence,—the origin of the report and facts of the case to be as follows:—

That some time about December, 1872, Mrs. M'Farlane, the teacher at the Roman Catholic School, Tokomairiro, reported to the Rev. Wm. Coleman, what purported to be a statement made to her by a girl, named Minnie Curran, a pupil at her school, and a daughter of a Roman Catholic, named John Curran, a resident in Tokomairiro, to the effect, that her brother, Michael Curran, who at the time attended the Tokomairiro Government School, had told his father that he had been beaten by Mr. Ross, the Head Teacher, for refusing to attend at Bible reading and prayers, notwithstanding the remonstrance of Mr. M'Intyre, the Assistant Teacher.

That Mr. Coleman after questioning the girl, Minnie Curran, who it may be here stated is twelve years of age, reported the matter to Mr. Hislop, the Inspector of Schools, Dunedin; the particulars of the report, and the correspondence relative thereto, may be seen on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th pages of the printed correspondence forwarded herewith.*

It will be noticed that Mr. Coleman did not make the report to the Inspector, as of a fact within his own knowledge, but merely as a report which had reached him, and which he communicated to the Inspector, as the proper person to be made acquainted with it.

Mrs. M'Farlane adheres in her evidence to the substance of her report to Mr. Coleman as to Minnie Curran's statement to her.

Minnie Curran in her evidence denies ever having made any statement to Mrs. M'Farlane regarding her brother having said that he was flogged for not attending Bible reading or prayers, although she admits having told Mrs. M'Farlane, in answer to her questions, that her brother had been punished by Mr. Ross for his reading and spelling lessons. She altogether denies having made any reference to the Assistant Teacher. She admits, however, having afterwards said, in answer to Mr. Coleman's questions on the subject, that her brother *had* been punished for not reading the Bible, but says she did not understand his question. Mr. Coleman, after questioning Minnie Curran, does not seem to have taken any further steps to investigate the matter before reporting it to Mr. Hislop.

Whatever the girl, Minnie Curran's statement may have been, either to Mrs. M'Farlane, or to Mr. Coleman, it is perfectly clear from the evidence taken by me, that there is not the smallest foundation in fact, for the statement that her brother, Michael Curran, had been beaten at the Tokomairiro Government School, by the Head Teacher, Mr. Ross, or by anyone, in connection with Bible reading or religious instruction.

This, setting aside the strong evidence of the Head and Assistant Teachers on the point, is clearly substantiated by the evidence of Michael Curran himself, his father and mother, and that of a pupil teacher and pupil, who were at the school during all the time Michael Curran attended it.

It appears that Mr. Ross, the Head Teacher, has always taught the only Bible class in the School, which was held from half-past 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning, being the first class of the day; and although Michael Curran seems to have attended this, all the evidence is entirely against his ever having been punished by Mr. Ross in connection with it, or at any other time; although, apparently, he was frequently punished by Mr. M'Intyre, the Assistant Teacher, under whom he was, during the remainder of the day, whilst being taught reading and the other branches.

It will be observed from the depositions that evidence was taken by me with regard to the practice (obtaining at the Tokomairiro Government School) in the case of Catholic children at that school, in connection with their attendance at Bible reading and religious instruction. This evidence, although not directly applicable to the case which I was required to investigate, I allowed it to be given, as the parties concerned seemed desirous to have the practice of the school in this respect placed on record.

In conclusion, I repeat that a careful consideration of all the available evidence on the subject, shows the allegation that the Head Teacher of the Tokomairiro Government School had beaten a Roman Catholic boy for refusing to attend at Bible reading and Protestant prayers, notwithstanding the remonstrance of the Assistant Teacher, to be entirely without foundation.

Certified under my hand and seal this Thirtieth day of October, 1873.

JAMES P. MAITLAND.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

William Coleman, being sworn, states as follows:—

I am the Vicar-General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin. I heard from Mrs. M'Farlane, teacher of the Roman Catholic School at Tokomairiro, about the end of December, 1872, that a boy named Michael Curran had been beaten by the head teacher of the Tokomairiro Government School, for not attending at Bible reading and Protestant prayers, and that she had been told this by Minnie Curran, the sister of the boy. I sent for Minnie Curran. I asked her if it was true that her brother had been

* Vide "Appendix to Votes and Proceedings," Sess. XXXII., 1873, pages 106—108.

beaten for not attending Bible reading and Protestant instruction. She said yes; that he had told his father so. I said, Why did he not leave the school at once? She said he did not, or that she did not know. I asked her what her father said. She said, he said nothing. On my return to Dunedin, I reported the matter to my Bishop. The Bishop and I afterwards reported the matter to Mr. Hislop—as stated in the printed letters.*

Cross-examined by Mr. Ross :—

I did not call upon you in reference to this matter. I did not make any representation to the District School Committee before informing Mr. Hislop of what I had heard. My reason for not doing so was, that under the 41st section of the Education Ordinance I am excluded from a right to make any such visit. Secondly—because a teacher at another school under the Otago Education Board refused to give me a reply in reference to the religious instruction of Catholic children at his school, saying he did not know what use I might make of his reply. Thirdly—I considered Mr. Hislop, as Inspector of Schools, the proper person to whom the representation should be made, that he might deal with the case as he thought proper. I made inquiry for the boy Michael Curran, but did not see him; it was at church that I made the inquiry. I did not see Michael Curran until several months after I heard the report. I did not see the boy's father the day I made the inquiry at the church. I left the district the next morning. I have only seen Curran's father once to speak to him since I heard the report—that was about two months since. I first saw Michael Curran on the day I saw his father, I asked him whether he had been beaten at the Government School for not attending religious instruction? He said he had not. I said, Were you present at Bible reading? He said, Yes, always. I said, Did your father say anything to you about not attending Bible reading? He said, No. I said, Did you speak to any person about the beating? He said, No, except to my father and mother; I said I was not beaten. I said, Are you certain of this? and he said, Yes. Afterwards, on the same day, I spoke both to the father and son together. I asked the father if he gave his son any instructions about Bible reading? He said, yes; he had told him to have nothing to do with it. I asked the father if he had ever spoken to the teachers about the Bible reading and religious instruction? He said, no; he had had no conversation about it. I afterwards communicated with Mrs. M'Farlane, asking her to state precisely what she was prepared to testify to. She replied that she could testify to her original statement. Mrs. M'Farlane's original statement was to the effect that the girl Curran had said, that the second master had said, "This is one of the Catholic boys;" and that the head master had replied, "I don't care for that," and proceeded to castigate him, notwithstanding the remonstrance. This statement of Mrs. M'Farlane's was a verbal one. Mrs. M'Farlane conducts the Roman Catholic School in the Tokomairiro District. I was desirous that the inquiry into this matter should have taken place in Easter week last. I afterwards made up my mind to have nothing to do with the inquiry, except it was held upon sworn evidence, and requested Mr. Maitland to communicate the same to the Minister of Justice. The statement made by the Provincial Secretary in the Provincial Council, on 2nd July last, that the delay was occasioned by my calling for a postponement of the matter for six weeks, was not correct, as I was prepared to go into the matter about three months before that time.

WM. COLEMAN.

Alice Curran, being sworn, deposes :—

I am the wife of John Curran. I live in Tokomairiro. I have a daughter called Minnie. I never heard anything of a report that my son had been beaten at the Tokomairiro Government school until I saw some notice of it in the papers. I asked my daughter Minnie about it after I saw it in the papers. I asked her what she had said? She said that Father Coleman had asked her whether her brother had been punished in the school, and she did not mention anything about the Bible. She said she did not understand what Father Coleman meant the punishment was for. She said she told Father Coleman that her brother had been punished. I also asked my son Michael about the matter. He said he was never punished for the Bible, nor asked to read it at the school. I do not remember if my husband was present when I spoke to my daughter; I asked the girl the question in presence of my son Michael. I have spoken to my husband about the matter. The boy and girl were both present when I spoke to my husband about the matter. I do not remember speaking about the matter to anyone except my husband and children. I am a Catholic. I never spoke to the master of the Tokomairiro school about my son and Bible instruction; I never spoke to him about anything. He never said anything to me either. I never spoke to my son about not reading the Bible, or about religious instruction in school; he never spoke to me about it, and I never spoke to him. I never spoke to my husband about the reading of the Bible in the school after I read what I before mentioned in the papers. I did not know that the Bible was read at the school when I heard the report. I never spoke to any of the teachers about the reading of the Bible. I had once a talk with Mrs. Lynch about the report about the matter; I also talked once or twice to Mr. Lynch on the subject. When I said before that I had not mentioned the matter to anyone except my own family I did not remember having spoken of it to Mr. and Mrs. Lynch. I did not speak to Mrs. Connor or to John Connor on the subject. I spoke to Mrs. Connor to-day about the case. I do not remember speaking to any other persons than those I have mentioned. I now remember speaking to my sister-in-law, Johanna Russell, and her husband. My husband was present when I spoke to them.

ALICE CURRAN.

John Hislop, being sworn, states as follows :—

I am Inspector of Schools to the Otago Education Board. In January last, Bishop Moran and Father Coleman called at my office in Dunedin; in the course of the conversation which followed Father Coleman made a statement to the following effect: That it had been reported to him that the head master of the

Tokomairiro Grammar School, some time before was chastising, or threatening to chastise, a pupil, the son of Catholic parents, because he was late in coming to school, or because he had failed to attend Bible reading; I understood the lateness to consist in his failing to attend the Bible reading; but while so doing, the under master remonstrated, urging that the boy was a Catholic; the master exclaimed "I don't care for that," and proceeded with the chastisement of the boy. The impression on my mind at the time was, that Father Coleman believed the truth of the statement. Father Coleman gave me to understand that he did not wish me to receive the statement as a formal charge made by him against the head master of the school, the reason given by him being that he had received the statement on report, and that he was not sure that he should be able to bring forward sufficient legal evidence in support of the charge if an official inquiry should be made into the matter. I, therefore, from what Father Coleman had said, did not feel warranted at that time in reporting the matter to the Education Board. I remember Father Coleman saying he did not bring any charge against the teacher as he could not prove the case. It was not Father Coleman's conversation with me alone that led me to report the matter to the Education Board; but very soon after the conversation took place, I read in a Dunedin newspaper what purported to be a pastoral address issued by the Right Rev. Bishop Moran. From the circumstance that Bishop Moran was along with Father Coleman in my office, and heard his statement with regard to the Tokomairiro schoolmaster's conduct, I could not help intimately connecting a statement in that pastoral address with the reported occurrence at the Tokomairiro school; I therefore addressed a letter to Father Coleman, dated 28th January 1873. My object in writing the letter was, that Father Coleman and I might be able to agree as to what Father Coleman had said to me on the matter in my office. I should not have brought the matter before the Education Board upon Father Coleman's statement by itself, as I have stated before. I have had no complaints whatever in connection with the Bible reading and religious instruction at the Tokomairiro Grammar School, except the one made by Father Coleman. I have had no official correspondence with the School Committee or teacher, directly, on the subject of Father Coleman's complaint. Some few days after Father Coleman's conversation, I met Mr Ross in the street, and mentioned the matter to him in a somewhat jocular manner. He appeared to know nothing at all about it, and appeared much surprised. I mentioned the matter in a jocular way, and I attached little or no importance to the report at that time, that being previous to my perusal of Bishop Moran's pastoral.

JOHN HISLOP.

John Connor being sworn, depones:—

I am a labouring man, residing at Fairfax. I met Michael Curran on the road, about the time the report was in the papers about his having been beaten at the school for not reading the Bible. I asked him if it was true, and he laughed and said it was not true. I afterwards heard Father Coleman talking to Michael Curran at the church. I heard Father Coleman ask him if his father ever cautioned him about reading the Bible. Michael said his father never cautioned him. I remember, also, another Sunday at the church. John Curran went in to attend Father Coleman at the Mass, as a clerk. Father Coleman asked him, after Mass—(he called John Curran and Michael Curran to speak to him)—whether he had ever cautioned his son Michael about reading the Bible at the Government School; and John Curran said he did caution him. Michael Curran was present when Father Coleman spoke to his father. Father Coleman then asked Michael if his father ever cautioned him about reading it, and Michael did not answer, but began to cry. His father told him to speak the truth, and not be frightened. Michael then spoke, and said that his father did caution him—not to read it. If Michael Curran swore that I did not speak to him about the report of his having been beaten, he did not speak the truth. I also spoke to John Curran about the report, and asked him if it was true; and he said it was not true; and I said I did not believe that Mr. Ross would do it. I did not speak to Mrs. Curran about it.

JOHN CONNOR.

Michael Curran being sworn, depones:—

I am the son of John Curran residing at Tokomairiro. I have been at school at the Tokomairiro Grammar School. I left the school at the last Christmas holidays. The schoolmasters were Mr. M'Intyre, who taught me, and Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross was head master during the time I was at school. I was punished for reading lessons by Mr. M'Intyre, but not for the Bible. I was in a class in which the Bible was read, but I did not read it. Mr. Ross heard the Bible lesson in Mr. M'Intyre's room. Mr. Ross never asked me to read the Bible. The Bible class was the first class in the morning at half-past 9. I generally used to go about that time. I always attended the Bible class when I was in time. I had not a Bible of my own, no one in the school ever gave me one; all the boys in the school were in the Bible class, which Mr. Ross always taught in Mr. M'Intyre's room. I did not read the Bible because my father was a Roman Catholic. My father had not told me not to read the Bible; no one either at home or at school ever told me not to read the Bible; neither Mr. Ross, nor Mr. M'Intyre asked me to read the Bible, nor told me not to read it, nor told me to come to the Bible class. The morning class at half-past 9, is the only one in which the Bible was read. I do not know whether the schoolmaster knew I was a Roman Catholic, but the boys did. I was never punished for being late for the Bible class, nor for not reading the Bible in the class. I was never punished by Mr. Ross in the Bible class. I do not remember ever having been punished by Mr. Ross for anything. I remember Mr. M'Intyre punishing me for my reading lesson, in a book called "The Junior Reader." I remember also Mr. M'Intyre punishing me for talking. I never told anyone about my having been punished at school. I never spoke to my sister Minnie about having been punished at school. My sister Minnie never spoke to me about it. After my father saw the account in the papers about my having been punished for not reading the Bible, he asked me if I had been punished, and I told him I had not been punished for not reading the Bible. My mother was in the room when my father asked me if I had been punished. Father Coleman also asked me about

it. Mrs. M'Farlane was present as well as a priest. I told him I had not been beaten, for not reading the Bible. I have never spoken to Mr. Ross or Mr. M'Intyre since the report of beating. I have never spoken to any of the school boys about the beating. Mrs. Russel, my aunt, asked me about the beating, and I said I had not been beaten. There were no prayers at school; neither my father or mother told me not to read the Bible, or anything about religious instructions in school. Mr. Lynch asked me about the beating after he saw the report in the paper. I told him I had not been beaten for not reading the Bible. I only remember Mr Lynch speaking to me once about this. I was in the stable at Lynch's. I never heard Mr. Lynch and my father and mother speaking about my having been beaten. I remember Father Coleman speaking to Mr. Lynch about the beating. I remember Father Coleman speaking to my father about it also. I never spoke to Mr. Colfer about the matter. I never spoke to Connor about the matter. We did not read the Bible every day.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ross:—

I do not remember you calling me out of the class to speak to me. I do not remember your asking me if my father knew I was at the Bible class. I now remember Mr. Ross calling me out of the class, but I do not remember what it was about. This was some time after I went to the school. Neither my sister Minnie, nor my father or mother told me that the priest was looking for me.

M. CURRAN.

Sarah Ann Louisa M'Farlane, being sworn, depones:—

I am the teacher at the Roman Catholic School at Tokomairiro. I have been between two and three years teacher in Tokomairiro. There was a girl at my school called Minnie Curran. She left it at last Christmas vacation, and has not been there since. Two or three months before the Christmas vacation last year, Minnie Curran told me in my house that the boys were going to prayers in the morning in Mr. Ross's room, and Michael Curran, her brother, remained in Mr. M'Intyre's room; that Mr. Ross had gone in to Michael, in Mr. M'Intyre's room, and asked him why he did not come in to prayers along with the other boys. He said he never did go in to prayers, as his father would not allow him to go. Mr. Ross said he must go in along with the other boys; and then Mr. Ross flogged him. Mr. M'Intyre said, "This is one of the Irish boys," and Mr. Ross said he did not care. Minnie said that Michael had told this at home to his father. I had my doubts about the truth of this statement, and I asked Minnie at intervals what her father said, and she told me that he had said that when Michael was flogged, he should have left the school and gone home; and that Michael had said he was ashamed to do so. Minnie said that Michael had said he was flogged upon the back and legs. I told Father Coleman about the report I had heard from Minnie Curran the first time he came up. I have not spoken to the girl's father, mother, or brother about this matter. I remember being present when Father Coleman spoke to Michael Curran about it.

SARAH ANN L. MACFARLANE.

Minnie Curran, being sworn, depones:—

I am a daughter of John Curran, residing at Tokomairiro. I am twelve years of age. I was at Mrs. M'Farlane's, the Roman Catholic School at Tokomairiro. I was there before last Christmas. Mrs. M'Farlane asked me what school my brother Michael was going to, and asked me if he liked the school he was at—Mr. Ross's school. She asked me if he ever got punished for his lessons. I told her that he used to get palmies for his lessons. I told Mrs. M'Farlane that he had got punished for his reading and spelling lessons. I am certain I never said anything to Mrs. M'Farlane about his having been punished for his Bible lessons, or for not going to prayers. I said it was Mr. Ross that punished him. I did not speak about Mr. M'Intyre's name at all. I do not remember speaking more than once to Mrs. M'Farlane about my brother and the school. I knew what I told Mrs. M'Farlane from what some of Mr. Ross's scholars used to tell me. They used to call out on the way home from school that my brother had been punished. Sometimes Michael used to say he had got palmies for his reading and lessons. No one ever asked me what I had told to Mrs. M'Farlane. I remember Father Coleman asking me if my brother ever got punished at Mr. Ross's school for not reading the Bible. I said yes. I thought he meant punished for his reading lesson. I do not believe that my brother ever was punished for not reading the Bible at school; no one ever told me so. When I said yes in answer to Father Coleman's question, it was not true, because I did not understand the question.

Cross-examined:—

I remember the day of the baptism at the church. When I went home I did not say anything to my father and mother afterwards. After my father and mother saw the report in the papers about my brother being beaten, they asked me if I knew anything about it. I said that Father Coleman had asked me about it at the church—if Michael had been punished for reading the Bible. I said I had not understood Father Coleman. Mr. Lynch never spoke to me about my brother having been beaten. No one spoke to me but my father and mother.

MINNIE CURRAN.

John Curran being sworn, depones:—

I am a labourer residing at Fairfax. I have a son called Michael Curran. He went first to the Roman Catholic school in Tokomairiro, and as he did not make much progress there, I sent him to Mr. Ross's,

the Government school. He left the Government school last Christmas time; he was about six months at the Government school. During the time my son was at the Government school he never told me he was punished for anything. I saw a report in the paper that a Catholic boy in Tokomairiro had been punished at the Government school there for not reading the Bible, or something to that effect, and that his sister had said this. I then asked my son if he had ever been punished at school for not reading the Bible; he said that he never had. I went to Mr. Ross a day or two after this and asked him if my boy had been punished as reported; he said he never had punished my boy, nor forced him to read the Bible, or go to prayers; that he never would ask a Catholic boy to do so without the consent of his parents. I heard that Father Coleman had questioned my daughter at chapel as to whether her brother had been beaten at school for not reading the Bible, and that she had said that he had been. I do not remember who told me this. Immediately after hearing this, I asked my daughter if she had told Father Coleman that her brother had been beaten at school for not reading the Bible; she began to cry, and said that she never said it. She appeared to me to be frightened, and I did not like to say anything more to her. I did not know whether she was in dread of me or not. When my boy went to the Government school, I spoke to Mr. Ross about the fees; I did not say anything to Mr. Ross about my son not reading the Bible. Mr. Ross did not say anything to me about my son not reading the Bible. I told my son before he went to the school not to have anything to do with reading the Bible or prayers. If my son swore that I never told him about not reading the Bible and not going to prayers, he states what is not true, as I told him this before he went to the school. After I heard the report of the beating, my wife and I may have spoken about the matter together. I believe I told her what Mr. Ross had said to me about it. I might have spoken to Mr. Lynch about what appeared in the papers, but do not remember doing so. I only spoke the one time to Mr. Ross about the matter. I never spoke to my daughter or son about what evidence they were to give at this inquiry. I spoke again to my daughter about what she had said to Father Coleman. She said she did not understand what he was saying to her that day in the chapel. I never asked my daughter whether she had said anything to Mrs. M'Farlane about her brother having been beaten.

Cross-examined by Mrs. Ross:—

I cannot remember whether I told you that my son was a Catholic when he first went to the Government school. My son did not bring any message to me from you, as to whether he was to read the Bible in school. I never heard from him, or any other party, that you wished to make any inquiry on that subject. He never complained to me that you forced him to attend at religious instruction or Bible reading. I might have asked my son once or twice if he was forced to attend the Bible class or prayers at school; and if I did so, he told me that he was not. I do not know whether I made use of the expression "forced." I believe that when I sent my son to the Government School, I told Mr. Ross, the master, that he had been previously at the Catholic School, but had not made much progress.

JOHN CURRAN.

Mr. Hislop recalled:—

I would consider the head master of a Government School to be generally responsible for the classification of the children, and the organisation of the school; but each teacher is responsible for the manner in which he performs the duties assigned to him. If there was any continued violation of the Board's regulations on the part of any under teacher, which might reasonably be expected to have come under the knowledge of the head master, I should hold both blameworthy. I consider that the Board's regulations with regard to Bible reading and religious instruction apply directly to every teacher in a Government School; and in order that no teacher may escape responsibility with regard to Bible reading and religious instruction, a circular letter has been sent to every teacher under the Board. I submit a copy of the circular dated 10th June, 1873, on page 6 of the printed correspondence.* This circular was also sent to School Committees, who were informed by it that a copy had been sent to all the teachers.

JOHN HISLOP.

Thomas Lynch, being sworn, depones:—

I am a farmer, residing at Tokomairiro. I remember seeing a report in the papers about a boy having been beaten at the Tokomairiro school for not reading the Bible. Some time after I asked Michael Curran if the report was true, that he had been beaten for not reading the Bible, and which of the masters had beaten him. He said that neither of the masters had punished him for not reading the Bible. I afterwards spoke to John Curran about the matter; I believe that Mrs. Curran was present. When I spoke to Michael Curran, Michael Fitzgerald was present, and also Mr. Spooner's boys. I recollect Michael Curran telling Father Coleman, in the chapel, that he never had spoken to any one about the report of the beating, except his father and mother. If Michael Curran were to state that when I asked him about his having been beaten at the school there was no one present, he would not be stating the truth, as Fitzgerald was present.

THOS. LYNCH.

William Kavanagh, being sworn, depones:—

I live at Glenore; I am a miner. I was present at a conversation between Father Coleman and a girl named Minnie Curran, which took place in the Catholic Chapel, Tokomairiro. Father Coleman called

me to him, and in my presence asked Minnie Curran if her brother was not beaten at school for not reading the Bible lessons, or for not having his Bible lessons. She answered distinctly, yes. I do not think she could have misunderstood the question that was put to her. I am sure that the word *Bible* was made use of, or Bible lessons. I understood the question quite well. Any person of ordinary intelligence could understand the question that was put. To the best of my belief, I think that the girl Minnie Curran must have perfectly understood the question that was put to her, and could not have made a mistake.

Cross-examined :—

Neither of the girl's parents were present when Father Coleman asked her about her brother.

WILLIAM KAVANAGH.

John Drinnan, being sworn, depones :—

I am the son of James Drinnan, farmer, Tokomairiro. I have been at the Tokomairiro Grammar School for six years. I knew Michael Curran. I do not remember hearing Mr. Ross calling him out of the class and saying something to him. I hear Mr. Ross say to the whole school that Catholic boys need not attend the Bible class without the consent of their parents. This was some time last year, and during bible class. I do not remember seeing any placards on the wall of the school with reference to Bible reading, with the exception of the time-table. I saw Michael Curran the first day he came to the school in the Bible class, but I did not notice him there afterwards. I never saw Mr. Ross punish Curran for the Bible class, or for anything. I have seen other boys punished for misconduct during the Bible class, or for being late. The general practice was to punish the boys after the Bible class was over. I do not know whether there were any Catholics present when Mr. Ross gave the intimation that it was not necessary that Roman Catholics should attend the Bible class unless with their parents' consent. Mr. Ross asked me to be present at the inquiry, and that was all; he did not ask me about anything I had to say. Another boy told me that Curran was a Catholic. If Curran had been asked questions in the Bible I should have thought it remarkable, but not if he were merely sitting in the class.

JOHN DRINNAN.

John Matheson, being sworn, depones :—

I am a pupil-teacher in the Tokomairiro Grammar School. One day Mr. Ross called Michael Curran out of the Bible class. He asked him if his parents wished him to join the Bible lesson. I was sitting on a form in front of Mr. Ross's desk when he called Michael Curran up; he was then a new comer. I listened to what Mr. Ross said to him at the first. I remember Mr. Ross one day when a number of the boys were late for Bible lesson thrashing the Protestant boys, saying at the same time that those boys who were Catholics, or English, need not attend the Bible class. Curran was not at the school at this time. I never remember seeing the boy Michael Curran at the Bible class, excepting the first day. I have been a pupil-teacher for 2 years and 3 months. I was in the Bible class all the time Curran was at school. I never knew Curran was a Catholic until I heard Mr. Ross asking him if his parents allowed him to attend the Bible class. I inferred from Mr. Ross asking him the question that he was a Roman Catholic, but I never asked him the question. Mr. Ross spoke to me two days since and told me to attend the inquiry. Mr. McIntyre asked me what I knew about the matter, and he told Mr. Ross in my presence, and Mr. Ross then told me to attend the inquiry. I never knew Mr. Ross to beat Michael Curran for anything. I never knew Mr. Ross to beat Michael Curran for not attending at the Bible class.

JOHN MATHESON.

Sarah Ann Louisa M'Farlane recalled :—

I understood that the expression "prayers," as made use of by me yesterday in my evidence, included Bible reading, because I had been told that there was Bible reading as well as prayers in the Government school at Tokomairiro. I used to go to a Protestant school myself, and there were prayers and Bible reading, and from that I concluded that there were prayers and Bible reading at the Government school in Tokomairiro. I told yesterday everything that occurred to me in connection with this case. I asked Minnie Curran if her brother read the Bible, and she said that he did, and that he looked on with another boy when he did so. If Minnie Curran said in evidence that she never told me about the Bible reading she would be saying what is not true. I am quite certain that Minnie Curran told me that the boys went from Mr. McIntyre's room to Mr. Ross's to prayers. I saw Father Coleman this morning, when he called and asked me to attend at the inquiry. He did not suggest anything to me that I should say in evidence. I asked him what Minnie Curran had said. He said he could not tell me as he would not have it said that he primed a witness.

SARAH ANN LOUISA MACFARLANE.

David Ross, being sworn, depones :—

I am head master of the Grammar School at Tokomairiro. Michael Curran was at my school during

the third and fourth quarters of 1872, from about July to Christmas. I do not remember particularly the boy Michael coming to the school. I do not remember his coming to the school, but I think Michael Curran's father met me somewhere and asked me about the fees. I cannot state positively what class Michael Curran was put into when he first came to the school, but I know that during the last quarter he was at the school he was in the Junior Reader class, which is taught by Mr. M'Intyre. I taught this class, along with the other classes their seniors, the Bible lesson each day, from half-past nine to ten o'clock. I noticed Michael Curran in the class when I gave it the Bible lessons in the mornings. The Bible lesson consists of sometimes my reading a portion of the Bible, and sometimes the pupils reading a portion of the Bible, including boys and girls; sometimes a chapter of the Bible is given out, and the scholars are questioned on it, without reading; and sometimes sacred geography is taught, which includes that of the Old and New Testament. I sometimes asked Michael Curran an historical or geographical question, but he was so backward that I hardly or ever got an answer. I do not remember any one single instance in which Michael Curran read the Bible in the class. This was partly because he was so backward in his reading, and partly because I did not know whether he was a Catholic or not. I never remember asking Michael Curran to read the Bible in the class. The Bible class which I have been describing is held in Mr. M'Intyre's room, because it is a larger room than my class room. On one or two occasions I remember Mr. M'Intyre asking me to come and see if I thought that Michael Curran and another boy were capable of continuing in his class. I am in the habit of inflicting corporal punishment upon the pupils when necessary, administered with a strap or cane, generally upon the hands or across the fingers or legs, but I never remember a single instance when I flogged a pupil across the back. I never remember punishing the boy Curran, but I cannot swear positively that I never did. I swear positively I never punished the boy Curran in connection with the Bible class. I mean that I never punished Curran for his lessons or exercises in the Bible class. I positively swear I never punished Michael Curran for not being in time for the Bible class. I do not remember that I ever punished Curran for not being at school before ten o'clock. I cannot positively swear that I did not. I did not know at the time that the boy was a Catholic, but I suspected that he was a Catholic, and that is the reason why I did not punish him if he did not come to the school before ten o'clock. I cannot remember Michael Curran being absent from the Bible class, but he may have been absent without my remembering. I do not remember any particular case in which the boy Curran was absent from the Bible class. It is possible that I might have punished Curran for some misdemeanour committed in school during the day. Every teacher punishes the pupils in his own class. I do not remember ever having punished Curran for any reason. It was shortly after Curran was put into the Junior Reader that Mr. M'Intyre called me to see whether he should be put back. I do not remember whether Curran was at the Bible class during the first quarter he was at school. Neither Curran's father or mother ever told me that Michael was a Roman Catholic. I asked some parties in connection with the school what religion Curran was of. I wish to correct this statement: I do not confine it to parties in connection with the school; I may have asked some one else. My first idea was that Michael Curran might belong to the Church of England; upon further inquiry some persons told me they thought he was a Roman Catholic. This was some short time after Curran came to the school. I do not remember ever asking any Roman Catholic if Curran was a Catholic. I did not consider it as a part of my duty to ask Curran's father or any of his family whether Michael was a Roman Catholic. I never asked Michael Curran if he was a Roman Catholic; I did not consider it as a part of my duty to ask him either publicly or privately what his religion was. I did not think it was a part of my duty to ask him whether he was a Roman Catholic, or of any other religion. I received instructions from the Board of Education with reference to the Bible lesson and religious instruction in school, which I produce. I put up a notice in the school when I received the instructions. I at the same time received the same instructions from the School Committee on the same subject. Those instructions contained directions to placard publicly in all the rooms in the school the time of Bible or religious tuition. I was also instructed to make public to the children the hour of Bible instruction, and its being optional for the pupils to attend at that time. I was also instructed to discontinue the use of the Shorter Catechism in the school. I do not remember anything else particularly contained in the instructions. As far as I recollect I received the instructions about May 1872. I remember receiving a circular some two years ago containing questions to be answered, but do not remember their nature, nor the answers that I returned to them. I may have returned the answer appearing under my name, to question No. 3 of questions forwarded to schoolmasters by the Select Committee of the Provincial Council, as appearing in Appendix to Votes and Proceedings, Ses. XXIX, 1871, pp. 91 and 93, and am willing to accept the responsibility of it. I have acted upon it since I gave the answer referred to. After I received the instructions from the Education Board I stopped teaching the Shorter Catechism. I stated generally to the school, if your parents object to your attending the Bible class I do not force it, only bring me a note from them to that effect and you will be exempt. Besides, those whom I knew to be Catholics I took privately aside and told them that if their parents or guardians did not wish them to attend at the Bible class, that I did not. I remember especially speaking to Michael Curran. I said does your father know you attend the Bible class here? So far as I remember his answer was, "I don't know—I think so." I then said to him, will you tell your father from me, if he wishes you to attend, I dare not object; but if he does not, I do not ask you. The notices were up on the walls at this time. There is not the smallest foundation for the statement reported by Mrs. M'Farlane to have been made to her by Minnie Curran; it is a fabrication from beginning to end. Curran's father met me in the street with another party, and asked me if I had heard the report about his son having been beaten. I said I had; and I now understand his son to be the boy in question. Curran did not ask me if the report was true. Curran himself said the report was not true. I know, as a rule, that Roman Catholics object to being present at the reading of the Protestant Bible. Although Michael Curran was in the Bible class, I never remember asking him to read the Bible, or not to read the Bible. Mr. M'Intyre never made any remonstrance with me about beating the boy, Michael Curran, for anything. At the time Michael Curran was at my school, there were three other Catholic children there—two boys and a girl; the girl a junior, who did not attend my class at all. I consider that sending a message by the children to the parents is complying with the instruction to take care that both parents and children be informed that attendance at Bible and religious instruction is optional.

DAVID ROSS.

*(Instructions referred to in Mr. Ross's evidence.)**

To School Committees and School Teachers.

THE following Minutes of the Education Board are circulated for the information of the School Committees and School Teachers in connection with the Board.

By order,

JOHN HISLOP, Secretary.

Education Office, Dunedin, January 22, 1872.

Dunedin, January 18, 1872.

The Board took into consideration (1) the Report of the Select Committee of the Provincial Council on the Petitions of Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Province, Session XXIX; (2) a Resolution of the Provincial Council, Session XXIX, relating to the said Report and Petitions; and (3) a Memorandum on the same subject by the Provincial Secretary.

It was resolved:—

- (1.) That the Schoolmasters and other Teachers employed under the Board be enjoined to adhere strictly to the terms of the Education Ordinance 1864, in regard to the Reading of the Bible and Religious Instruction, to take care that both Parents and Children be informed that attendance at such reading or instruction is optional, and to avoid the use of any lessons containing words or expressions offensive to Roman Catholics or other denominations of Christians.
- (2.) That the Secretary be instructed to take steps, in conjunction with School Committees and Teachers, to secure the use of such Class-books in the Public Schools as shall give the least possible offence to Roman Catholics and other denominations of Christians.
- (3.) That the Board express their appreciation of the prudent and fair manner in which they believe the School Committees and Teachers have generally acted in the past in reference to the reading of the Bible, and the imparting of religious instruction in the Public Schools.
- (4.) That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to every School Committee and every Teacher connected with the Board.

Dunedin, January 20th, 1872.

The Board, taking into account the increasing number of applications coming before them for the establishment of Schools and the appointment of additional Teachers, and also the largely increasing cost of maintaining the Educational establishments of the Province, are of opinion that a thorough revision of the whole of the Educational arrangements should be made immediately after the compilation of the Returns for the year 1871, and instruct the Secretary to proceed forthwith with the compilation of the said Returns, to inform the School Committees and Teachers connected with the Board of the intention to make such revision, and to intimate to them that, in the event of such revision showing that schools are in existence where the attendance of pupils, proximity to other schools, or other circumstances warrant their discontinuance, or a reduction of the allowances at present paid to them, the Board will not guarantee the continuance of the present payments on account of salaries or other allowances beyond the 30th day of September, 1872.

JOHN HISLOP, Secretary.

Patrick M'Intyre, being sworn, depones:—

I am assistant master at the Tokomairiro Grammar School. I have been between three and four years in the Tokomairiro School. There was a pupil of the name of Michael Curran at the Tokomairiro School. He left school at the last Christmas vacation. He had been at school about six months and two weeks from my register. During this time he was entirely under my care. I taught from the hours of ten to half-past three. I cannot say whether Michael Curran attended Mr. Ross's Bible class. I have

* *Vide* also "Appendix to Votes and Proceedings," Sess. XXXII., 1873, page 109.

had to punish Michael Curran for not being able to repeat his tasks. I had to do this frequently. He was the slowest boy I have ever had in my class. I cannot recall a single instance in which Mr. Ross punished Michael Curran for anything. If Mr. Ross had punished Michael Curran, I was bound to know of it, excepting one week when I was absent from illness. I generally go to the school about ten minutes to ten o'clock, and in consideration of this I take a book-keeping class in the afternoon. I never remonstrated with Mr. Ross about beating Michael Curran. I swear positively that if any one said that I ever remonstrated with Mr. Ross, when he was about to chastise Michael Curran for not attending at Bible reading, that the same is a falsehood, and utterly without foundation. I remember on one occasion seeing Michael Curran standing outside the school at about ten minutes to ten in the morning. After the Bible lesson was over that day, I asked Mr. Ross if Michael Curran was a Roman Catholic. Mr. Ross said he did not know, but he would ascertain. He then called Michael Curran, who came to him, and I saw Mr. Ross speaking to him. This must have been shortly after Curran came to the school. I have seen Mr. Ross beat children after the Bible lesson, for either not knowing their lesson, for carelessness, or for being late for the Bible class. I remember asking Mr. Ross if it would not be better to put Michael back to the female teacher's class. I know that Roman Catholics generally object to reading the Protestant Bible.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ross :—

I know that after instructions were received, placards were put up in all the rooms in the school. I cannot say I ever heard Mr. Ross call the attention of the children to the contents of the placards, or tell them that their attendance at the Bible class was optional.

P. M'INTYRE.

REPORT ON THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1873.

Education Office, Dunedin,

January 31, 1874.

HIS HONOR JAMES MACANDREW, ESQ.,
Superintendent.

SIR,—

In accordance with the provisions of the Education Ordinance we have the honor to submit the Report of the Education Department for the year ended December 31, 1873 :—

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

Including the two Free Schools in Dunedin, the Industrial School, and the School connected with the Benevolent Institution, there were 127 Elementary Schools in operation throughout the Province, at the close of the year 1872. During the past year schools have been established at Bannockburn, Kawarau Gorge, Outram, Pukeuri Welshman's Gully, (Dunstan) Owake Flat, (Catlin's) Miller's Flat, (Wakatipu) Limehills (Oreti), Clifton, Limestone Plains, and Invercargill (Grammar School). Small subsidies have been granted to private Schools at Havelock and Pine Hill. There were, consequently, 140 Elementary Schools in connection with the Board at the close of the year 1873, being an increase of 13 schools during the year. The 5 Grammar Schools are included in this list; for, although instruction is given in the more advanced subjects, they serve as yet the purposes mainly of Elementary Schools. There are still only 6 half-time Schools in operation; but they are reckoned as 3 in the preceding enumeration, as they are under 3 masters only. They are (1) Hamilton and Sowburn, (2) Upper and Lower Kyeburn, and (3) Gummie's Bush and Wild Bush.

In these 140 (or 143) Schools, there were 221 Teachers employed at the close of the year, viz.:—144 Schoolmasters, 36 Schoolmistresses, 9 Teachers of Sewing, 7 male Pupil Teachers, and 25 female Pupil Teachers. This shows an increase of 31 teachers during the year.

In addition to the schools opened in 1873, the Board sanctioned the establishment of schools at Stewart Island, Oteramika, Upper Waireka, Clinton, Wakaia Flat, Kingston, Ahuriri, Blackstone Hill, Athol, Harrisville, (Invercargill Suburbs) and a Fourth School in Dunedin.* Schools will no doubt be opened in these localities as soon as arrangements can be made. Applications were also made for aid towards the establishment of Schools at Roslyn Bush, Matura Bridge, Ida Valley, Murray's Flat, Dumbarton Rock, and Pine Hill. Some of these applications were refused; the others are not yet finally disposed of.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

A Table showing the attendance at the different Elementary and Grammar Schools, and the names and Official Incomes of the several Teachers, exclusive of the Pupil Teachers, is hereunto appended. (See Appendix A.) It should be noted that in a number of instances the teachers held office for portions of the year only, and that the sums entered as incomes in such cases are for less than the entire year.

* *March, 1874.*—The Board has recently sanctioned the establishment of Schools at Kensington, Forbury, and Bald Hill.

The following is an abstract of the attendance at the Dunedin District Schools and the other Elementary Schools of Otago, from the institution of the Education Scheme, in the year 1856, to the present time:

YEAR.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils who attended at all in the course of the year.			Average daily attendance for the year.			Attendance at the close of the year.		
			Dunedin.	All other Schools.	Totals.	Dunedin.	All other Schools.	Total	Dunedin.	All other Schools.	Totals.
1856-57	5	7	...	...	...	115	121	236	...	...	...
1857-58	9	11	...	...	...	128	195	323	...	...	...
1858-59	13	15	...	...	...	114	333	447	...	...	...
1859-60	17	19	...	...	...	127	456	583	...	...	...
1860-61	18	20	220	744	964	125	486	611	...	...	...
1861-62	20	22	228	1021	1249	129	632	810	205	705	910
1862-63	23	30	1024	1366	2390	653	758	1411	734	907	1641
1864	38	51	1418	2148	3566	771	1148	1919	996	1500	2496
1865	46	65	1295	2416	3711	918	1415	2333	1046	1747	2793
1866	51	73	1193	2754	3947	888	1680	2568	934	2136	3070
1867	56	85	1216	3151	4367	897	2045	2942	919	2436	3355
1868	68	100	1262	3622	4884	953	2325	3278	1047	2763	3810
1869	77	119	1431	4017	5448	1085	2472	3557	1149	3206	4355
1870	97	150	1423	5496	6919	1151	3529	4680	1215	4416	5631
*1871	116	175	1647	7015	8662	1257	4449	5706	1355	5391	6746
1872	127	190	1631	8197	9828	1315	5376	6691	1309	6448	7757
1873	140	219	1762	9689	11451	1393	6032	7425	1495	7676	9171

The following is an abstract of the ages of the pupils who attended the public elementary schools of the Province in the course of the year 1873:

AGES.	District Schools.			Four Free Schools.			Totals.		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Totals
Under 5	213	204	417	10	9	19	223	213	436
5 and under 10	3148	2688	5836	183	160	343	3331	2848	6179
10 „ 12	1485	1117	2602	46	37	83	1531	1154	2685
12 „ 15	964	850	1814	13	13	26	977	863	1843
15 and upwards	180	129	309	—	2	2	180	131	311
Totals	5990	4988	10,978	252	221	473	6242	5209	11,451

*This line includes for the first time the Southland Schools, the two Free Schools, the Benevolent Institution School, and the Industrial School. This accounts for the apparently large increase since 1870.

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS.

A tabular view of the branches of education, taught in the different schools, and of the number of pupils learning such branches, during the year 1873, is hereunto appended. (See *Appendix B*). From this table it will be seen that the number of pupils learning the higher rules of Arithmetic during 1873 was 1008; Algebra or Geometry, 257; English Grammar, 4315; Geography, 4867; British History, 2354; Latin, 383; Greek, 22; French, 270; Drawing or Mapping, 1997; Book-keeping, 345; Singing from Notes, 2768; Sewing (girls) 2536.

In accordance with a resolution of the Provincial Council, the Board has appointed Mr. Donald Petrie, M.A., late Senior Classical Master of the Scotch College, Melbourne, to be additional Inspector of Schools. There were 29 candidates for the appointment, many of whom were evidently gentlemen of superior attainments and merit; but the evidence in favor of Mr. Petrie was of such a nature that the Board had no hesitation in unanimously selecting him as likely to prove the most suitable for the office. While Mr. Petrie's scholarship is undoubtedly of a higher order, his experience in school teaching and management has been varied and valuable.

As only a portion of the Schools could be examined last year, and as a very full report was submitted a year ago, it is not thought necessary to furnish a special report at the present time. The employment of an additional Inspector will no doubt enable much more justice to be done in future to the very necessary and important work of school inspection than has been possible for several years past.

THE HIGH SCHOOLS.

The Reports of the Rector of the Otago High School, and the Lady Principal of the Girls' High School are hereunto appended (See *Appendix D*.) The number of boys enrolled during the last quarter of 1873 was 109; the average quarterly enrolment was between 107 and 108. At the Girls' High School 137 pupils were enrolled during the last quarter; the average quarterly enrolment being 126. There were 17 pupil boarders resident with the Lady Principal at the close of 1873. There were none resident with the Rector at the end of the year. The Provincial Scholars who had previously resided with the Rector had been accommodated elsewhere at his own request.

PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

In accordance with a resolution of the Provincial Council, the Board has made provision for conferring Provincial Scholarships on Girls as well as Boys; and, with the concurrence of the Government, it has been arranged to open for competition next April two Scholarships in connection with the Boys' High School, and two in connection the Girls' School. One of the Boys' and one of the Girls' Scholarships will be bestowed on a boy and girl respectively from the High and Grammar Schools. The other two scholarships will be conferred on a boy and girl respectively from the ordinary District Schools. Competitors must be under 16 years of age at the date of the competition. Each holder of a Scholarship to receive free education at the High School, and a payment of £30 per annum for a term of three years. Free education at the High School, a Grammar School, or an approved Main School, for terms of not less than two nor more than four years may, at the discretion of the Board, be granted to unsuccessful competitors who may gain a satisfactory percentage of the attainable number of marks. Certificates of Merit will be granted to those competitors who, though failing to gain Scholarships, distinguish themselves greatly.

At the close of 1872 there were ten Provincial Scholars, and six Free Scholars attending the High School. In the last quarter of 1873 six Provincial Scholars, (McNicol, Low, Levi, Harper, Stilling, and Sinclair), were attending the school; three Scholars (Park, Hunter, and Solomon) having, with the consent of the Board, become University Students, and one (Cohen) having left for a situation.*

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

During the year 1873, books of the invoice value of about £1278 have been received, and have been distributed among the different Public Libraries. Two consignments of the value of £561 will arrive shortly. The amount paid into the Provincial Treasury in 1873, by Library Committees for books was £396; but a large proportion of the books issued last year was to meet claims on account of the moneys (amounting to £408) paid in during the year 1872. Several sums have been received this year, and more are promised.

There are 84 Public Libraries connected with the Board, and they may be classified as follows:—Sixteen Public Libraries, with Reading Rooms connected with them; 60 Public District Libraries, many of which are also available as School Libraries; and 8 purely School Libraries. Since the commencement of the Library scheme, the following public institutions have received grants of library books through this department:—The hospitals at Lawrence, Clyde, Wakatip, Invercargill, and Oamaru, and the Gaols at

**March, 1874.*—There are now only 5 Provincial Scholars: Four (Low, Harper, Levi, and Stilling) at the High School, and one (Solomon) at the University. Park and McNicol were, after a competitive examination, appointed Cadets in the Provincial Survey Service. Hunter's Scholarship has expired by effluxion of time, and Sinclair has entered a bank. Low has received permission from the Board to attend the University during the remainder of his time. The other two cadetships in the Survey Service open for competition were also gained by two ex-High-school pupils—Wilmot and Langmuir.

Dunedin and Invercargill. The managers of the following mentioned Libraries have been permitted to purchase at cost price a few books which were not particularly needed at the time for the public libraries: Dunedin Athenæum, Dunedin Police Library, St. Paul's Sunday School Library and St. Joseph's Church or School Library.

SCHOOL OF ART, AND INSTRUCTION IN DRAWING.

Mr. Hutton's Report, which is hereunto appended, contains interesting information respecting the different classes taught by him. [See Appendix E.] The total number that received instruction in Drawing during 1873 was 1480, showing an increase of 508 over the previous year. The School of Art was attended by 142 students, viz.:—27 teachers and pupil teachers, 35 lady students in the afternoons, and 80 artizans and others in the evenings. The number of scholars attending the Dunedin and Suburban Schools who received instruction from Mr. Hutton was 1338*. Several of Mr. Hutton's pupils have shown much talent, zeal, and proficiency; and Mr. Hutton himself manifests the same earnestness and ability in the performance of his duties which have been so conspicuous in former years.

At Mr. Hutton's request, the Government has provided a large additional supply of casts, chromolithographs, models, drawings, &c., for the use of the students of the School of Art, as well as for the pupils of the Public Schools, not only in Dunedin and Suburbs, but throughout the Province. As the Government has already expressed its intention to take steps for the erection of a suitable building for the School of Art in connection with the proposed Normal School Building, it is quite unnecessary to press the consideration of Mr. Hutton's representations as to the very great need of proper accommodation.

EDUCATION RESERVES.

The following is an abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Education Reserves, for the year 1873:—

RECEIPTS.

Received for Rents, Deposits, and Leases, Dunedin	£2519 6 10
Do. do. do. Invercargill	390 13 7
Do. Assessment on Runs reserved by Provincial Council	8223 8 4
	11,133 8 9

PAYMENTS.

Paid to Provincial Treasurer	£11,053 1 6
Do. for Auctioneers and Expenses, Dunedin	13 4 8
Do. for Management, Surveys, and Expenses, Invercargill	67 2 7
	11,133 8 9

EXPENDITURE ON SCHOOLS.

The following is an abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure on the Public Schools for the Year 1873:—

1. OFFICE—

Secretary (paid as Clerk to Treasurer)	£0 0 0
Inspector of Schools	475 0 0
Clerk	163 15 0
Travelling Expenses	88 16 6
Advertising, Printing, &c.	92 11 3
	820 2 9

2. ELEMENTARY AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS—

Teachers' Salaries, including Pupil Teachers	£15,386 4 4
Rents and Repairs	1,730 7 9
Fees for Destitute Children	335 17 7
Three Free Schools	411 0 0
	17,863 9 8

* *March, 1874.*—Mr. Hutton's valuable services are necessarily confined to Dunedin and Suburbs; but the Board has recently submitted to the Government a proposal for providing instruction in Drawing to the pupils attending the other schools of the Province.

3. HIGH SCHOOL (BOYS)—

Rector	£550	0	0
Mr. Brent	525	0	0
Other Masters	835	0	0

 £1,910 0 0

4. HIGH SCHOOL (GIRLS)—

Mrs. Burn	£300	0	0
Mr. Pope (11 months)	320	16	8
Other Teachers	351	0	0

 971 16 8

5. HIGH SCHOOL (BOTH DIVISIONS)—

Fuel, Repairs, Printing, &c.	£351	14	2
Janitor	100	0	0

 451 14 2

6. SUNDRIES—

Drawing Master—Salary and Expenses	£440	1	10
Provincial Scholars	287	10	0
School Maps and Appliances	271	8	8
Public Libraries—about	639	0	0

 1,638 0 6

 Total Expenditure £23,655 3 9

RECEIPTS INDEPENDENTLY OF ORDINARY PROVINCIAL REVENUE—

1. School Books sold in 1873	£7	0	4
2. High School Fees (Boys)	739	0	0
3. Do. do. (Girls)	927	13	4
4. Drawing Class Fees (Ladies' Class)	59	7	0
5. Education Reserves, as above	11,053	1	6

 12,786 2 2

 Charge on Ordinary Provincial Revenue £10,869 1 7

To this must be added the sum of £3761 5s. 6d. expended on School Buildings during the year 1873. The Provincial Council having, at its last Session, voted the sum of £20,000 for School Buildings, a detailed statement of the expenditure of this vote will be furnished after the expiry of the current financial year, on the 31st March next.

A Table showing the respective amounts contributed towards the *current* expenses of the District Schools for the past year, by the Government and the different districts, is hereunto appended. (See Appendix C.) The sum contributed by the Government towards salaries, rents, repairs, poor scholars, &c., was £17,452 15s. 6d.; while the aggregate amount raised by the districts from school fees and voluntary contributions was £12,716 11s. 3d.

Taking the whole of the ordinary current expenditure (£17,452 15s. 6d.) by the Government on the Elementary and the Grammar Schools, and the number of pupils (11,451, *less* 96 at Industrial School) who for longer or shorter periods attended the schools in the course of the year 1873, the average cost per scholar to the Government was about £1 10s. 9d. If the average daily attendance (7425, *less* 71 for Industrial School) be taken, the average cost per pupil would be about £2 7s. 6d. The corresponding rates for 1872, were £1 13s. 9d., and £2 9s. 6d.; for 1871, £1 15s. 6d., and £2 13s. 6d.; for 1870, £1 18s. 7d., and £2 17s. 1d.; for 1869, £1 14s. 8d., and £2 13s. 10d.; for 1868, £1 14s. 3d.; and £2 12s. 7d.; for 1867, £1 13s. 6d., and £2 8s. 4d.; and for 1866, £1 17s. 9d., and £2 11s. 3d.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

JOHN HISLOP, Inspector,

J. SPERREY, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

List of the Public Schools in the Province of Otago, with a Statement of the Attendance of Pupils, the Names and Official Incomes of the Teachers, &c., for the Year ended December 31, 1873.

		TEACHERS (exclusive of Pupil Teachers.)	Schools Estab- lished.	Teachers' First Appoint- ments.	Number of Pupils who Attended at all during the Year.			Average Atten- dance for the Year.	In attendance at the close of the Year.	Annual In- comes of the Teachers for the Schools.	Estimated Value of the Teachers' Residences and Glebes.
					Boys.	Girls.	Total.				
1	Adam's Flat	John Neill	1870	1872	22	10	32	18	14	£ s. d. 96 6 6	£ s. d. 15 0 0
2	Albert Town	W. A. Worsop	1870	1870	11	11	22	16	18	105 19 0	—
3	Alexandra	George Reid	1864	1867	46	45	91	65	79	200 0 0	50 0 0
	Do. †	Janet S. Brunton*		1873						78 8 0	—
4	Anderson's Bay	Samuel M. Clark	1858	1865	50	56	106	65	86	185 5 0	50 0 0
	Do.	Margaret Brown †		1872						35 0 0	—
5	Akatore	Francis Joseph	1867	1872	23	19	42	22	33	106 5 0	25 0 0
6	Arrow Town	W. M' Hutchinson	1864	1868	33	21	54	23	27	200 0 0	40 0 0
7	Awamoka	Robert Huie	1868	1872	11	9	20	15	20	95 1 0	25 0 0
8	Balclutha	Alexander Gregor	1865	1858	61	69	130	74	101	180 0 0	50 0 0
	Do.	M. Orchiston †		1873						45 0 0	—
9	Bath street	Mrs Whitman*	1864	1866	78	80	158	75	103	Free school.	
10	Benevolent Institution	Miss Coxhead*	1865	1867	39	30	69	57	53	Do.	
11	Beaumont	Vacant	1872							No return	
12	Black's	Henry Dixon	1868	1870	23	13	36	16	22	131 6 9	20 0 0
13	Blue Spur	William M' Lelland	1867	1867	47	39	86	65	75	166 2 8	30 0 0
	Do.	Jessie Popet †		1872						46 0 0	
14	Blueskin	William Porteous	1864	1864	45	43	88	65	74	157 15 0	40 0 0
15	Bluff	James Orr		1869	40	30	70	41	56	154 3 4	40 0 0
16	Brimm's Point	C. H. Ross	1872	1872	Vacant.	No	return				
17	Bannockburn	G. Simpson	1873	1873	25	18	43	17	31	128 9 0	—
18	Cardrona	Mrs Comyn*	1870	1872	11	15	26	19	24	90 0 0	—
19	Caversham	William Milne	1861	1865	110	97	207	101	160	223 18 10	50 0 0
	Do.	Caroline Freeman		1873						88 2 6	—
20	Clarke's Flat	A. B. Matthews	1871	1871	16	17	33	9	14	73 19 6	20 0 0
21	Clifton †	Hugh D. Danshaw	1873	1873	13	7	20		20	20 2 0	—
22	Clyde	J. E. Stevens	1864	1872	48	44	92	50	60	200 0 0	55 0 0
	Do.	Mrs. Stevens		1873						50 0 0	—
23	Cromwell	David Todd	1865	1865	35	21	56	43	45	200 0 0	45 0 0
24	Dunedin, Middle	Thomas Halliwell	1856	1862	388	284	672	624	632	383 3 0	70 0 0
	Do.	John Ferguson		1865						290 12 11	—
	Do.	I. R. Hay		1869						185 12 11	—

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					Boys.	Girls.	Total.				
25	Dunedin, Middle	James Lindsay		1871					180 6 3	—	
	Do.	Emma Stevens*		1869					115 6 2	—	
	Dunedin, North	A. Stewart	1862	1862	369	271	640	434	509	356 6 6	70 0 0
	Do.	William Murray		1866						258 16 5	—
	Do.	E. K. Hay*		1865						173 16 4	—
26	Do.	James Milne		1870						152 15 1	—
	Do.	Janet Johnston*		1872						108 19 10	—
	Dunedin, South	J. B. Park	1864	1864	228	222	450	335	354	300 14 10	70 0 0
	Do.	John Stables		1869						240 14 8	—
27	Do.	M. G. Nicholls*		1867						150 14 6	—
	Drybread	Charles Mullwo	1870	1872	No	return					
28	East Taieri	James Waddell	1856	1861	87	80	167	91	127	177 5 0	60 0 0
	Do.	Isabella Graham*		1863						93 15 0	—
29	East Clutha	James M'Ewan	1858	1861	22	23	45	29	35	158 11 0	50 0 0
30	Evans Flat	W. O. Duthie	1858	1873	26	13	39	23	38	172 15 6	—
31	Flints Bush	J. Fullerton			20	20	43	24	31	112 11 6	40 0 0
32	Forest Hill	J. M. Nicholl	1871	1871	17	21	38	26	38	90 10 0	30 0 0
33	Glenore	G. A. Gray	1863	1873	22	10	32	23	30	108 13 2	25 0 0
34	Green Island	A. G. Allan	1856	1859	60	54	114	67	86	138 3 4	70 0 0
	Do. †	D. M. Fraser*		1871						75 0 0	—
35	Greytown	William M'Andrew	1870	1870	33	20	53	30	41	110 2 6	20 0 0
36	Groper's Bush	E. K. Mackay	1870	1872	28	15	43	30	38	129 0 0	35 0 0
37	Grove Bush	A. White	1871	1871	20	16	36	24	33	87 19 4	—
38	Gummies Bush										
	and Birch Bush	A. B. Tuson	1872	1872	21	16	37	15	34	132 12 0	30 0 0
39	Hamilton and Sowburn	C. Roseveare	1865	1872	17	12	29	16	22	166 4 0	30 0 0
40	Hampden	Donald Munro	1864	1864	45	35	80	44	60	165 16 6	40 0 0
41	Highcliffe	William Hay	1870	1869	39	27	66	46	54	130 3 6	30 0 0
42	Hillend	James Sinclair	1868	1871	25	20	45	26	40	111 0 0	25 0 0
43	Hyde	F. G. Odell	1869	1872	19	23	42	32	39	123 10 0	25 0 0
44	Havelock †	C. Clarke*	1273	1873	21	42	63	40	64	51 18 0	—
45	Inch Clutha	James M'Nuer	1858	1869	26	28	54	34	44	140 2 4	50 0 0
46	Inch Valley	John Murdoch	1872	1870	7	10	17	8	16	114 2 0	30 0 0
47	Industrial School	G. S. Neish	1868	1868	57	39	96	71	77	150 0 0	—

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					Boys.	Girls.	Total.				
48	Invercargill †	G. M'Leod	1873		316	262	578	424	483	182 19 4	50 0 0
	Do.	E. Webber		1867							
	Do.	J. M'Pherson		1873							
	Do.	E. M'Ivor*		1873						131 5 0	
	Do.	C. Bain*		1873						78 6 10	
49	Kaihiku	Thomas Paterson	1864	1868	31	26	57	35	46	138 9 6	45 0 0
50	Kaikorai	D. M'Lauchlan	1864	1864	136	129	265	208	224	232 6 10	50 0 0
	Do.	A. Anderson		1864						84 12 4	
	Do.	Jane Stuart*		1871						106 4 0	
51	Kaitangata	Archibald Hislop	1866	1872	39	31	70	30	53	126 2 4	35 0 0
52	Kakanui	G. H. Macan	1870	1870	30	26	56	31	44	137 1 0	45 0 0
53	Kawarau Gorge †	G. Burrows	1873	1873	Return incomplete.					34 12 6	—
54	Kuri Bush †	H. Henderson	1870	1873	13	11	24	11	18	85 10 0	20 0 0
55	Kyeburn	E. Johnston	1872	1872	7	11	18	14	18	87 0 0	25 0 0
56	Lawrence	John Stenhouse	1864	1864	131	95	226	150	170	290 0 0	55 0 0
	Do.	E. Dale*		1870						100 0 0	
	Do.	J. Menzies		1870						150 0 0	
57	Long Bush	J. G. Smith		1872	27	28	55	39	45	155 10 0	35 0 0
	Do.	Miss Smith*									
58	Limestone Plains †	James U. Murray	1873	1873	15	13	28	22	28	37 1 0	—
59	Lower Harbour	G. Balsille	1868	1870	10	15	25	16	23	97 8 0	35 0 0
60	Lower Shotover	James Fleming	1870	1873	22	28	50	29	38	162 2 0	20 8 0
61	Macetown	D. M. Scott	1870	1869	17	14	31	17	25	160 0 0	30 0 0
62	Macraes	J. M'Bryde	1868	1872	24	20	44	28	35	118 2 0	35 0 0
63	Manuka Creek	Wint. Blathwaite	1871	1872	42	22	71	37	56	137 6 0	35 0 0
64	Maungatua	W. G. Wallace	1866	1871	49	37	86	54	74	161 9 5	40 0 0
65	Merton †	F. Golding	1869	1873	28	29	57	32	49	101 2 0	25 0 0
66	Mimihau †	Vacant	1869		8	10	18	18	18		30 0 0
67	Millers Flat †	W. A. Andrews	1873	1873	17	11	28	15	16	83 6 6	—
68	Moa Flat	James Graham	1868	1867	19	26	45	18	31	108 12 4	30 0 0
69	Moeraki	G. C. Manning	1870	1870	23	16	39	23	29	93 10 6	35 0 0
70	Mornington	Andrew Russell	1865	1865	60	69	129	82	105	198 3 0	70 0 0
	Do.	Mrs. Hay*		1872						88 15 0	—
71	Mosgiel	Vacant	1871		No	return.					

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72	Mount Cargill	A. Montgomery	1870	1868	32	24	56	42	46	£ 134 s. 11 d. 8	£ 35 s. 0 d. 0
73	Myross Bush	A. Bethune			22	25	47	18	26	103 4 3	35 0 0
74	Naseby†	George Menzies	1865	1872	75	62	137	83	119	144 4 5	35 0 0
	Do.	Mrs. Clarke*		1871						114 7 0	—
75	Nokomai†	J. W. Rowe	1870	1873	17	16	33	24	21	85 14 6	—
76	North-East Valley	John Scholefield	1859	1870	60	58	118	84	85	177 5 2	50 0 0
	Do.	Isabella Turnbull*		1868						88 15 0	—
77	North-East Harbour	G. P. Bell	1860	1865	26	17	43	39	35	151 8 11	50 0 0
78	North Taieri	G. B. Anderson	1860	1862	64	51	115	79	110	175 0 0	40 0 0
	Do.	Agnes Short*		1871						88 15 0	—
79	Oamaru	W. S. Fitzgerald	1862	1869	218	135	353	245	260	357 13 5	70 0 0
	Do.	A. Y. Smith		1870						200 0 0	—
	Do.	L. Cleary*		1867						125 0 0	—
	Do.	Lucy Fitzgerald*		1872						106 5 0	—
	Do.†	James Oliver		1869						157 18 4	—
80	Oamaru (North)	D. Fleming	1872	1872	78	65	143	84	98	181 5 0	50 0 0
	Do.†	K. M'Kenzie*		1863						71 5 0	—
81	One Tree Point	Thos. Brown		1872	16	26	42	18	33	91 16 0	20 0 0
82	Orepuki	J. S. Andrews	1872	1872	19	25	44	35	35	140 4 11	25 0 0
83	Oreti	Baxter Pike	1873	1873	12	13	25	18	23	92 10 0	35 0 0
84	Otepopo	Alexander Pirie	1864	1868	68	62	130	85	115	206 0 6	50 0 0
	Do.	Mrs. Pirie†		1869						35 0 0	—
85	Otakia	Peter Leitch	1859	1859	40	31	71	43	57	118 10 0	40 0 0
86	Outram†	W. Wright	1873	1872	45	35	80	50	69	143 14 2	40 0 0
87	Owake Flat†	F. G. Hungerford	1873	1873	20	17	37	32	37	14 15 0	—
88	Palmerston	John Watt	1865	1866	68	65	133	70	107	162 3 0	50 0 0
	Do.†	A. P. Neish*		1872						88 15 0	—
89	Papakio†	John H. Patrick	1867	1873	20	9	29	25	29	79 1 10	—
90	Pleasant River	George Hardy	1867	1869	39	22	61	36	50	120 1 0	30 0 0
91	Popotunoa	James Roy	1866	1866	22	11	33	19	28	92 18 0	20 0 0
92	Port Chalmers	W. B. Mackay	1856	1858	135	127	262	216	208	290 0 0	70 0 0
	Do.	John M'Farlane		1870						188 0 0	—
	Do.	H. Quinlan*		1873						100 0 0	—
93	Portobello	Thomas Tily	1858	1864	34	33	67	36	60	120 19 3	50 0 0
94	Port Molyneux†	Thomas D. Thompson	1865	1870	26	12	38	20	25	92 13 0	20 0 0

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				Boys.	Girls.	Total.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
95	Pine Hill†	1873	1873	13	15	28	18	28	14	8	0	—	—	—
96	Purakanui	1872	1872	15	9	24	17	24	77	13	2	—	—	—
97	Pukeuru†	1873	1873	23	21	44	23	39	70	0	0	35	0	0
98	Queenstown Do.	1864	1871	58	42	107	83	89	181	12	0	50	0	0
99	Riverton†	1871	1871	59	47	106	44	36	103	15	0	50	0	0
100	Roxburgh	1865	1872	51	35	86	42	76	157	17	5	40	0	0
101	Saddle Hill	1863	1871	27	22	49	19	38	107	5	0	40	0	0
102	St. Bathans	1866	1873	12	29	29	16	25	146	0	6	30	0	0
103	Sandymount	1871	1872	13	26	39	17	39	115	0	6	30	0	0
104	Sawyer's Bay	1870	1869	34	33	67	32	58	118	18	11	25	0	0
105	Shag Valley	1869	1869	25	32	47	35	32	111	3	5	25	0	0
106	South Bridge	1868	1869	25	18	43	25	34	126	12	6	20	0	0
107	Stafford Street	1865	1869	78	72	150	92	100	Free.					
108	Switzers	1868	1866	28	33	51	32	38	159	3	0	30	0	0
109	Taieri Beach†	1867	1873	25	23	48	25	38	102	7	6	20	0	0
110	Taieri Ferry	1872	1872	29	15	44	23	44	121	12	8	30	0	0
111	Tapanui†	1868	1871	26	33	59	42	56	85	1	0	50	0	0
112	Te Houka	1869	1873	28	10	38	24	32	102	15	0	25	0	0
113	Tokomairiro Do. Do.	1856	1866	172	116	288	205	221	290	0	0	65	0	0
114	Tomahawk	1870	1871	12	15	27	19	23	170	0	0	—	—	—
115	Tuakitoto	1871	1871	16	11	27	17	18	80	0	0	20	0	0
116	Tuaspeka Mouth	1870	1872	13	10	23	14	14	96	10	0	25	0	0
117	Tuturu†	1871	1873	14	14	28	14	21	97	12	8	30	0	0
118	Upper Harbour Walton	1868	1872	25	10	35	20	31	95	18	0	20	0	0
119	Wallace Town†	1872	1872	58	40	98	56	67	150	14	0	20	0	0
120	Wangaloa	1869	1870	14	14	28	26	26	125	0	0	40	0	0
121	Waihola	1859	1871	13	9	22	13	15	99	10	0	20	0	0
122	Waihola Gorge	1864	1856	39	40	79	43	68	154	18	8	35	0	0
123	Waikouaiti	1860	1865	28	22	50	34	46	117	16	0	30	0	0
124	Do. Wakari	1873	1873	82	64	146	86	122	172	14	0	40	0	0
125	Do. †	1858	1871	41	38	79	40	54	88	15	0	45	0	0

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126	Waitahuna	D. Clarke	1863	1865	63	45	108	58	97	175 5 7	50 0 0
	Do.	Christina Clarke*		1869						88 15 0	—
127	Waitapeka	John Porteous	1868	1868	32	32	64	32	54	155 12 4	40 0 0
128	Waiwera†	A. Murray	1868	1869	24	12	36	25	30	95 8 4	30 0 0
129	Waianiwa	John M'Leod			19	23	42	31	36	105 3 6	20 0 0
130	Waikivi	A. M'Donald	1872	1872	51	32	83	45	50	208 6 8	40 0 0
131	Waiareka	Alexander Kyle	1869	1870	36	28	64	36	48	112 15 10	20 0 0
132	Warepa	T. H. Meeking	1858	1869	30	32	62	28	54	134 3 0	40 0 0
133	Waipori	W. Dunkley	1866	1873	51	39	90	40	60	191 16 0	30 0 0
	Do.	E. M'Lauchlan*		1873						35 0 0	—
134	Waipori Lake	W. Cuthbert	1864	1873	49	25	74	41	50	120 10 6	40 0 0
135	West Taieri	George Crockett	1858	1869	47	55	102	53	66	160 6 0	55 0 0
136	Wetherstones	Thomas Johnston	1868	1868	37	37	74	48	61	160 0 0	40 0 0
	Do.	Mrs. Nelson†		1870						51 5 0	—
137	Welchman's‡	W. A. Paterson	1873	1873	11	14	25	16	24	112 6 8	20 0 0
138	Whare Flat	Neil M'Leod	1868	1868	17	18	35	18	33	96 3 6	20 0 0
139	Winton	D. Cameron			30	22	52	28	33	139 2 6	35 0 0
143	Woodlands	J. M'Clymont	1871	1871	42	30	72	55	61	167 6 2	40 0 0
	Do.	Mrs. M'Clymont								35 0 0	—
Totals											
					6,242	5,209	11,451	7,425	9,171		

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APPENDIX B.

Tabular view of the Branches taught in the District Schools of Otago, and the Number of Pupils learning such Branches, for the year ended December 31, 1873.

SCHOOLS.	NUMBER OF SCHOLARS LEARNING.																						
	TO READ.			TO WRITE.				ARITHMETIC.				Mathematics, i.e. Euclid, Algebra & Trigonometry.	Geography (general).	Geography (New Zealand).	History.	English Grammar.	Book-keeping.	Drawing and Mapping.	Singing from Notes.	Latin.	French.	Greek.	Sewing (Girls).
	Letters and Mono-syllables.	Easy Narratives.	Books of General Information.	On Paper, from Copy.	From Dictation, or Slate or Paper.	Narrative from Memory.	Exercises in Original Composition.	Simple Rules.	Compound Rules.	Proportion and Practice.	Higher Rules.												
Adam's Flat	9	17	6	19	19	6	2	13	6	1	5	14	6										
Albert Town		9	13	18	18	12		8	6	2	5	13											
Alexandra	14	40	37	55	61	37	19	35	7	9	11	37	37	11	37	11	37	11	37	11			30
Anderson's Bay	12	45	49	75	71	54	37	47	20	13	6	48	48	48	48	29	2	3	71				50
Akatore	3	21	15	28	15	14	14	15	9	6	6	24	24	15	15	15	15						
Arrowtown	12	18	25	37	19	17	12	24	3	7	7	28	8	9	25	8	8			6	6		10
Awamoka	2	12	6	18	6	5		4	11	1	4	16	16	5	7			20		1			
Balclutha	35	39	54	96	55	30	11	44	18	9	8	53	53	31	53	5	21			1			62
Bath Street	64	74		45	45			28															52
Benevolent Institution	21	27	21	49	35			51	5					21		21							26
Beaumont		No	return																				
Blacks	7	11	13	21	16			7	4	6	9	13	5		13								
Blue Spur	27	40	19	51	31	6	6	33	11	9	2	24	24	18	6	6	18						35
Blueskin	16	35	37	65	71	33	14	20	22	13	7	40	40	2	32	2	2			1	1		35
Bluff	11	28	31	51	21	21		26	17		1	34	34		34			70					
Bannockburn	20	17	7	25	7			25	3			11			11								
Cardrona	7	11	4	9	4			5	4			6	3		7								6
Caversham	41	62	104	154	125	47	16	106	31	20	19	13	125	18	103	125	125	5	14				80
Clyde	30	47	15	42	62	28	15	28	20	11	3	42	28	15	28								37
Clarke's Flat	9	11	14	11	8	4		14	6	1		6			6								
Clifton (open 25 days)		7	13	12				6															
Cromwell	12	19	25	38	44	13	13	14	12	6	6	2	18	6									
Dunedin Middle	56	96	485	555	258	244	181	555	238	138	69	25	416	416	304	304	15	250	56	2			147
Do. North	39	309	292	431	431	128	58	174	78	139	43	292	175	292	292	15	175	292	15	40			130
Do. South	71	192	187	256	232	183	40	118	60	55	14	9	183	133	133	183	9	183	450	8			120
Drybread		No	return																				
East Taieri	19	49	99	71	48	48	33	22	18	12	32	1	41	41	41	41					12		72
East Clutha	3	21	21	16	10	10	9	14	8	2	11	30	19	10	30		23	31	4	5			
Evans' Flat	7	18	14	25	20	2	2	18	6	3	3	1	15	2	15	2	2						
Flint's Bush	8	20	15	33	33	15	15	19	6	6	3	15	15	15	15	8	15	43	2	2			
Forest Hill	5	14	16	32	12			13	5	4	1	17	11	11	23								
Glenore	6	12	14	15	14	14	14	25	4	2	1	1	14	14	6	14		14					
Green Island	29	56	29	72	47	28	10	35	9	10	10	21	27	21	28			78					51
Greytown	7	13	33	47	14	11		29	2	3	3	25	6	8	25					5			
Groper's Bush	6	12	25	43	25	25	8	24	9	3	1	25		11	25	7	7						
Grove Bush	11	18	7	20	7			15	5			5	5										
Gummie's & Birch Bush	11	8	18	25	17	9		24	8	2		5			6			26					12
Hamilton & Sowburn	9	8	17	15	15	16		9	5		6	10		5	15								7
Hampden	18	38	24	60	59	20	14	36	14	7	4	25	23	24	23		15	53	1				13
Highcliff	3	63		59	42	34	18	13	12	14	6	6	58	27	27	56	8	9	66	5	4		27
Hillend	4	18	23	42	27	23	23	20	8	4	5	32	15	16	25								
Hyde	18	17	7	17	17	7		7	3	4	1	7	3		7								
Havelock	3	50	10		5			11	7			8			12								15
Inch Valley	3	13	1	14	8	5		10		1		3			3								
Inch Clutha	11	19	24	43	43	28	24	22	11	7	6	23	23	13	23	2	23	42	2				
Industrial School	28	69		69	69	29		70				69	69		69			96					16
Invercargill	83	267	218	440	218	110	59	187	56	37	90	22	290	290	78	290	32	43		34	53	12	242
Kakanui	13	27	16	40	16	16	7	22	6	4	5	2	16	16	10	16			2	2			
Kaihiku	5	20	32	39	39	16	16	11	11	7	10	33	19	19	17	1	3						
Kaitangata	7	27	11	36	16	9	9	6	5	10	1	1	13	10	17	1	9	70					
Kaikorai	17	86	152	186	116	82	82	50	49	48	35	8	116	80	50	116		146	186	10			93
Kawarau	6	3		3	3			3															
Kuri Bush	2	10	13	24	8	4	4	12	5	4		14		4	14					2			
Kyeburn	3	11	4	10				7	6			3			5								
Lawrence	35	65	126	179	179	58	58	115	36	13	29	14	83	58	58	83	9	58	58	15	23		44
Long Bush	10	5	40	40	18	6	6	16	6	10	8	5	23	23	26	40	6			4	5		28
Lower Harbor		14	8	22	22	12	10	16	2	3	3	6	6	3	6								
Lower Shotover	6	21	23	34	34	6	4	19	9	4	5		19		18	27		25					
Limestone Plains (99 days open)	2	6	20	10	10			11	1	2		11	11		11	2							
Macetown	8	14	9	13	13	8	9	12	1	3	5		12	7	8	12							
Macrae's Flat	13	20	10	20	13	8	13	7	12	7		21	21	5	16			9					
Manuka Creek	9	39	24	55	23	20	11	29	12	7	4	39	7	12	14								
Maungatua	8	26	52	66	66	20	20	23	17	20	12	2	57	57	20	57	2	4		2			15
Merton	12	20	25	36	39	25		16	14	7		37	37	12	24								12
Mimihau (65 days)	3	10	5	15				15															
Moa Flat	8	18	19	33	19	18	13	23	10	2	1	14		12	14			3			2		
Moeraki	5	20	14	29	29			19	4	8	1	10		5									15
Mornington	22	92	54	38	22	15	15	55	28	16	2	1	56	23	15	56		83		3			35

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Adam's Flat	1	63 15 0	12 2 0	75 17 0	30 9 6	18 1 6	48 11 0
Albert Town	1	63 15 0	7 7 6	71 2 6	35 18 0		35 18 0
Alexandra	2	163 15 0	14 0 0	177 15 0	172 3 0	49 0 6	221 3 6
Anderson's Bay	3	130 0 0	1 8 0	131 8 0	66 19 2	9 12 8	76 11 10
Akatore	1	63 15 0	20 0 0	83 15 0	42 10 0	10 11 6	53 1 6
Arrowtown	1	100 0 0	17 3 4	117 3 4	67 5 6	40 9 6	107 15 0
Awomoka	1	75 0 0	20 0 0	95 0 0	23 5 2	40 15 6	69 0 8
Balclutha	2	125 0 0	29 16 7	154 16 7	109 17 4	18 17 0	128 14 4
Beaumont	1	55 0 0		55 0 0	No returns.		
Black's	1	75 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0	32 4 6	32 2 0	64 6 6
Blue Spur	2	111 5 0	23 10 0	134 15 0	72 10 0	25 16 0	98 6 0
Blueskin	2	130 16 8		130 16 8	52 3 0	19 13 0	71 16 0
Bluff	1	81 5 0	34 13 5	115 18 5	67 15 4	23 5 6	91 0 10
Brimm's Point	1	30 0 0		30 0 0	No returns.		
Bannockburn	1	60 0 0		60 0 0	51 2 6	50 11 6	101 14 0
Cardrona	1	57 10 0	5 10 0	63 0 0	22 3 6	14 15 0	36 18 6
Caversham	3	207 18 4	36 3 0	244 1 4	164 0 10		164 0 10
Clarke's Flat	1	60 0 0	20 0 0	80 0 0	10 9 6	3 10 0	13 19 6
Clifton	1	15 0 0		15 0 0	5 2 0		5 2 0
Clyde	2	125 0 0	3 12 8	123 12 8	116 17 0	60 10 6	177 7 6
Cromwell	1	100 0 0		100 0 0	98 15 0		98 15 0
Dunedin (N. S. and M.)	29	1727 10 0	594 2 0	2321 12 0	2104 0 11		2104 0 11
Drybread	1	68 15 0	20 0 0	88 15 0	No returns.		
East Taieri	2	163 15 0	4 0 6	167 15 6	111 9 6		111 9 6
East Clutha	1	100 0 0		100 0 0	58 11 0		58 11 0
Evans' Flat	1	57 10 0	5 0 0	62 10 0	27 15 6	5 2 0	32 17 6
Flint's Bush	1	78 15 0		78 15 0	37 11 6	8 11 0	46 2 6
Forest Hill	1	63 15 0		63 15 0	21 10 0		21 10 0
Glenore	1	75 0 0	3 18 8	78 18 8	29 14 6	9 2 0	38 16 6
Green Island	2	173 13 0	12 10 8	186 3 8	57 14 11	1 0 0	58 14 11
Greytown	1	75 0 0	20 0 0	95 0 0	34 2 6	1 0 0	35 2 6
Groper's Bush	1	75 0 0	11 5 0	86 5 0	54 0 0		54 0 0
Grove Bush	1	63 15 0	20 0 0	83 15 0	24 4 4	9 12 6	33 16 10
Gummie's Bush	1	80 0 0	1 0 0	81 0 0	47 5 0	5 7 0	52 12 0
Hamilton	1	108 5 0		108 5 0	32 19 0	25 0 0	57 19 0
Hampden	2	118 15 0	7 4 0	125 19 0	63 5 0	3 10 0	66 15 0
Highcliffe	1	81 5 0		81 5 0	48 18 6	9 19 10	58 18 4
Hillend	1	75 0 0	1 1 4	76 1 4	31 17 8	18 10 5	50 8 1
Hyde	1	75 0 0	40 0 0	115 0 0	33 10 0	21 15 0	55 5 0
Havelock	1	7 10 0		7 10 0	44 8 0		44 8 0
Inch Clutha	1	81 5 0	0 11 6	81 16 6	58 6 0		58 6 0
Inch Valley	1	75 0 0		75 0 0	27 2 0	26 1 6	53 3 6
Invercargill	8	546 5 0	60 3 6	606 8 6	751 2 7	5 0 0	756 2 7
Kaihiku	1	100 0 0		100 0 0	38 9 6	1 0 0	39 9 6
Kaikorai	4	264 0 0	123 14 0	387 14 0	250 0 0	13 15 9	263 15 9
Kaitangata	1	75 0 0		75 0 0	51 2 4		51 2 4
Kakanui	1	81 5 0	15 0 0	96 5 0	55 16 0	30 7 0	86 3 0
Kuri Bush	1	44 3 4		44 3 4	33 0 0	2 16 7	35 16 7
Kawarau Gorge	1	35 0 0		35 0 0	15 13 6	34 5 6	50 9 0
Kyeburn	1	60 0 0		60 0 0	27 0 0	11 6 0	38 6 0
Lawrence	5	445 0 0	5 1 4	450 1 4	255 3 0		255 3 0
Long Bush	2	81 5 0	15 0 0	96 5 0	80 10 0	5 15 0	86 5 0
Limestone Plains	1	31 5 0		31 5 0	4 16 0	1 0 0	5 16 0
Lower Shotover	1	75 0 0	28 4 0	103 4 0	49 0 0	5 0 0	54 0 0

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lower Harbor	1	75 0 0		75 0 0	22 8 0	16 15 0	39 3 0
Macetown	1	100 0 0		107 3 0	28 10 6	25 11 0	54 1 6
Macraes	1	75 0 0	20 13 4	95 13 4	42 8 8	86 3 0	128 11 8
Manuka Creek	1	75 0 0	40 0 0	115 0 0	62 6 0	8 0 0	70 6 0
Maungatua	1	100 0 0	2 8 10	102 8 10	69 0 7	16 11 6	85 12 1
Merton	1	62 10 0		62 10 0	38 12 0	18 4 8	56 16 8
Mimihau	1	15 0 0	2 15 7	17 15 7	6 7 6	13 16 6	20 4 0
Miller's Flat	1	15 0 0		15 0 0	33 3 6	59 8 0	92 11 6
Moa Flat	1	75 0 0	20 0 0	95 0 0	31 2 4	13 14 0	44 16 4
Moeraki	1	75 0 0		75 0 0	18 10 6	25 12 6	44 3 0
Mornington	2	163 15 0	45 16 8	209 11 8	126 2 0	22 8 3	148 10 3
Mosgiel	1	43 15 0	8 15 0	52 10 0	No return.		
Mount Cargill	1	100 0 0	15 0 0	115 0 0	34 11 8	13 7 6	47 19 2
Myross Bush	1	75 0 0	3 11 4	78 11 4	27 4 3		27 4 3
Naseby	2	163 15 0		163 15 0	175 18 0	13 7 0	189 5 0
Nokomai	1	71 5 0	10 0 0	81 5 0	10 14 6	15 8 1	26 2 7
N. E. Valley	2	163 15 0	3 7 2	167 2 2	111 4 6	28 11 0	139 15 6
N. E. Harbor	1	100 0 0	20 0 0	120 0 0	27 10 0	12 0 11	39 10 11
North Taieri	2	163 15 0	1 13 8	165 8 8	129 13 6		129 13 6
Oamaru	7	575 8 4	110 17 11	686 6 3	513 17 7		513 17 7
Oamaru North	2	136 5 0	40 0 0	176 5 0	171 0 7		171 0 7
One Tree Point	1	60 0 0		60 0 0	31 16 0	11 8 0	43 4 0
Orepuki	1	75 0 0		75 0 0	58 14 9	37 4 10	95 19 7
Oreti	1	70 0 0		70 0 0	32 10 0	48 6 6	80 16 6
Otepopo	3	160 8 4	16 9 2	176 17 6	93 14 6	111 17 0	205 11 6
Otokia	1	81 5 0	4 0 0	85 5 0	43 10 0		43 10 0
Outram	1	62 10 0	1 17 10	64 7 10	50 18 8	122 13 2	173 11 10
Owake Flat	1	7 10 0		7 10 0	7 5 0		7 5 0
Palmerston	2	163 15 0	0 10 4	164 5 4	87 8 0	38 2 6	125 10 6
Papakio	1	75 0 0	8 0 0	83 0 0	6 11 10	86 13 0	93 4 10
Pleasant River	1	100 0 0		100 0 0	30 1 6	7 7 2	37 8 8
Popotunoa	1	75 0 0	20 0 0	95 0 0	17 18 0		17 18 0
Port Chalmers	6	472 10 0	20 4 10	492 14 10	239 6 6	6 0 0	245 6 6
Portobello	1	92 10 0		92 10 0	41 8 8		41 8 8
Port Molyneux	1	63 15 0	20 0 0	83 15 0	28 18 0		28 18 0
Pine Hill	1	8 15 0		8 15 0	9 5 0		9 5 0
Purakanui	1	55 0 0		55 0 0	20 3 2	6 0 0	26 3 2
Pukeuri	1	50 0 0		50 0 0	26 8 6	2 10 0	28 18 6
Queenstown	3	192 1 8	21 7 8	213 9 4	131 12 0	21 6 8	152 18 8
Roxburgh	1	76 3 0		76 3 0	63 13 1	10 6 9	73 19 10
Riverton	2	131 13 4	21 14 2	153 7 6	81 19 2		81 19 2
Saddle Hill	1	81 5 0		81 5 0	26 0 0	0 14 0	26 14 0
St. Bathans	1	75 0 0	10 0 0	85 0 0	54 12 0	31 6 0	85 18 0
Sandymount	1	75 0 0		75 0 0	22 3 2	16 9 0	38 12 2
Sawyer's Bay	1	75 0 0	25 13 4	100 13 4	43 16 5	19 4 4	63 0 9
Shag Valley	1	61 5 0		61 5 0	52 8 5	10 14 6	63 2 11
Southbridge	1	75 0 0	21 9 4	96 9 4	41 1 2	8 12 0	49 13 2
Switzers	1	100 0 0	20 0 0	120 0 0	59 3 0	1 0 0	60 3 0
Taieri Beach	1	62 10 0	21 12 6	84 2 6	20 0 0		20 0 0
Taieri Ferry	1	75 0 0		75 0 0	23 0 0	20 18 0	43 18 0
Tapanui	1	75 0 0	30 13 4	105 13 4	52 2 10	57 9 9	109 12 7
Te Houka	1	68 15 0		68 15 0	34 0 0	17 0 6	51 0 6
Tokomairiro	5	445 16 8	27 8 7	473 5 3	270 15 6		270 15 6
Tomahawk	1	50 0 0		50 0 0	20 0 0		20 0 0
Tuakitoto	1	60 0 0	6 0 0	66 0 0	26 2 0	9 11 0	35 13 0

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tuapeka Mouth	1	60	0	0	2	6	0	62	6	0	36	10	0	5	10	0	42	0	0
Tuturau	1	75	0	0				75	0	0	22	12	8	1	19	0	24	11	8
Upper Harbor	1	75	0	0				75	0	0	20	18	0	5	14	6	26	12	6
Walton	1	75	0	0	20	0	0	95	0	0	69	9	0	6	1	6	75	10	6
Wallace Town	1	75	0	0				75	0	0	17	17	6				17	17	6
Wangaloa	1	60	0	0				60	0	0	39	10	0				39	10	0
Waihola	1	100	0	0				100	0	0	54	18	8	12	8	0	67	6	8
Waihola Gorge	1	92	10	0				92	10	0	47	16	0	19	5	0	67	1	0
Waikouaiti	2	163	15	0	6	4	0	169	19	0	88	6	0	18	7	0	106	13	0
Wakari	2	160	0	0	27	12	0	187	12	0	69	8	5	38	14	3	108	2	8
Waitahuna	2	163	15	0	4	16	3	168	11	3	81	11	5	12	7	0	93	18	5
Waitepeka	1	90	0	0				90	0	0	55	12	4				55	12	4
Waiwera	1	68	15	0	5	4	9	73	19	9	9	7	3	6	6	0	15	13	3
Waiwera	1	63	15	0	10	10	0	74	5	0	32	3	6				32	3	6
Waikivi	1	100	0	0				100	0	0	112	16	8	8	10	3	121	6	11
Waireka	1	75	0	0	20	0	0	95	0	0	37	15	10	10	10	0	48	5	10
Warepa	1	100	0	0				100	0	0	24	18	0	3	10	0	28	8	0
Waipori	2	125	0	0	20	0	0	145	0	0	91	16	0	24	8	0	116	4	0
Waipori Lake	1	81	5	0				81	5	0	39	5	5	9	3	0	48	8	5
West Taieri	2	130	0	0	2	17	3	132	17	3	90	7	2				90	7	2
Wetherstones	2	111	5	0	18	6	8	129	11	8	47	7	3	53	8	6	100	15	9
Welshman's	1	52	1	8	11	5	0	63	6	8	40	9	0	21	2	0	61	11	0
Whare Flat	1	75	0	0				75	0	0	21	3	6				21	3	6
Winton	1	75	0	0				75	0	0	64	2	6	29	12	9	93	15	3
Woodlands	2	106	5	0	10	2	8	116	7	8	90	18	6	22	19	0	113	17	6
Totals	221	15386	4	4	2066	11	2	17452	15	6	10642	3	2	2074	8	1	12716	11	3

APPENDIX D.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1873.

MRS. BURN'S REPORT.

Girls' High School, Dunedin,

January 31, 1874.

THE SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATION BOARD,

SIR,—

At the close of the third session of the Girls' High School, I have to report that the attendance has been more numerous during the past than in either of the former years. During the last quarter the number on the roll has been 137, the average for the year 126.

At the beginning of the session, the Education Board acceded to my request that a master should be appointed solely for the Girls' School, who should teach higher English, Mathematics, and Science. Mr. Pope was appointed to the position, and the school has in every way gained by the arrangement. In the first place, the whole of Mr. Pope's time being given to the school, I have been able so to arrange my time-table that the middle as well as the senior class should have the benefit of his instructions. In the second place, I have had the advantage of his experience in consultation over school matters, and his cordial co-operation in carrying out all plans for the work and general welfare of the school.

Mr. Pope has had the entire charge of the senior class in all the subjects with the exception of French. He has also had part of the English work, as well as the Arithmetic and Science of the middle class. My own work during the past year has been the French of the whole school, except one class, and part of the English work of the middle class. A lower division of the middle class has been entirely under Miss Anderson's charge, both for English and for French. The work of this class is very arduous, the class being composed of girls who, for want of previous training, are not fit for either of the upper divisions. She has been very successful in bringing these girls forward in the branches of study in which they were deficient.

The upper division of the lower room has been unfortunate enough to have its teacher changed twice during the year. These changes were unavoidable, and have had necessarily an injurious effect on the results of the year's work. During the last quarter Miss Huie has had charge of the class. The late examination was on the last quarter's work only, and has been very creditable, taking all the circumstances into consideration. The second division of the lower room has been a very small one this year, and has been under Miss Hill's charge. The work of this class has been very well done.

In the geological portion of physical geography, Mr. Pope has found the cabinet of specimens which was granted to the school by the Education Board, and specially prepared for us by Professor Tennant, of London, thoroughly suitable and satisfactory. For the botanical work, Mr. Pope has kindly lent his own microscope, and this has been used in addition to ours. These science lessons have been taught by lectures, illustrated by diagrams on the black board, and by specimens which the girls could handle and examine for themselves. Each girl takes notes, and the class is frequently examined on these notes.

Before the close of last session I laid before the Education Board a scheme by means of which the individual merit of every girl who does a certain amount of work can be recognised more effectively than it could be by the ordinary mode of giving prizes, usually at very great expense, namely, that honour certificates should be given to every girl who succeeded in scoring 75 per cent. of the marks attainable. I also asked the Board to recognise the dux of the school, viz., the girl who should gain the highest aggregate of marks in all subjects, by giving her a gold medal. The Board acceded at once to my suggestions, and, so far, I have every reason to be satisfied with the plan. Second-class certificates of merit are given to all pupils who score 50 per cent. of the marks, so that encouragement is given to effort in all the classes. I undertook to give a yearly medal to the dux of the middle class, and endeavour to obtain, through the kindness of friends, medals for the lower classes. In this I have been most successful, and have to tender my thanks to those friends who have so kindly helped in this matter. The better to carry out the above plan, the school work for the year in the upper and middle classes has been arranged in sections. Candidates for honours might qualify in any or all of these. Competitors for the position of dux must of course qualify in all. Programmes of the work for the year were posted in the school-rooms at the commencement of the session, so that the girls knew what they had to work for. The programmes were as follows:—

DIVISION A.—EXAMINATION, CHRISTMAS, 1873.

(A.) Linguistic and Philological.—1. English composition, with spelling, 100 marks; 2. Analysis of sentences, with punctuation, 100 marks; 3. Parsing, with correction of faulty sentences, 100 marks; 4. Etymology, derivation from Latin and Greek, 100 marks; 5. Shakespeare, "Julius Cæsar," 100 marks; 6. French, 300 marks. Total, 800 marks.

(B.) Mathematics and Science.—1. Arithmetic, 200 marks; 2. Algebra, to simple equations, with fractions, 100 marks; 3. Mensuration, surfaces, 100 marks; 4. Geometry, Euclid, Book I., 150 marks; 5. Botany, 150 marks; 6. Physical Geography, 100 marks; Total, 800 marks.

(C.) History, Geography, and Political Economy.—1. English History, Tudor and Stuart periods, 200 marks; 2. General History, from 1483 A.D., France, Spain, and Italy, 100 marks; 3. Geography, new world, 100 marks; 4. Political Economy, Mrs. Fawcett, to page 187, 100 marks. Total, 500 marks.

MIDDLE CLASS.

Section A.—1. Composition; 2. Analysis; 3. Parsing; 4. Etymology, Latin and Greek Roots; 5. Arithmetic;—Reduction, Fractions, Decimals, Proportion, Practice; 6. French.

Section B.—1. English History; 2. General History; 3. Geography; 4. Physical Geography; 5. Botany.

The C division of the class studies the same subjects in a more elementary form.

LOWER ROOM.

Class D.—English Reading, Spelling, Composition, Grammar, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Object Lessons, and French. 75 per cent. of marks are required also from this Division.

Class E.—The same subjects in a more elementary form—no French.

The whole school learns writing from Mr. Gow, the lessons being more frequent in the lower Divisions than in the higher ones. Drawing is also taught by Mr. Hutton—once a week to the lower room; twice a week to the higher. A German class has been taught by Mr. Buechler, during the session. A Gymnastic Class, by Mr. Long. Singing by Mrs. White. Music, by Misses Bell and Huie. During the last quarter, Mrs. Price took Miss Huie's place, while Miss Huie took the work of the Lower Room. Music Lessons have also been given by Messrs. Towsey and Lees.

I have now to express my thanks to all my fellow-teachers, for their earnest and constant labours during the past session. Each and all have worked willingly, and well. Miss Anderson, especially, has had heavy work, having the superintendence of the preparations of lessons in the evening, as well as her school duties. I have to return sincere thanks to those friends who kindly sent me prizes for "special subjects." Mrs. Hawthorne presented a beautiful Gold Thimble to the best plain sewer. The Hon. J. Vogel gave a prize to the girl who had made the most progress during the year. John Reid, Esq., of Elderslie, a Silver Medal for the Middle Class—as two girls held the position of dux. Messrs. Reith and Wilkie, a handsome copy of Shakespeare, to be given as I thought best. I gave, as usual, two special prizes for Mapping in the Senior Class, and two for Chronological Charts of the Norman and Plantagenet periods of English history in the Middle Class:—A Book to the girl who has made the greatest general improvement in the Lower and Middle Class, and a Silver Thimble for the best Plain Needlework in each of the Lower Divisions.

I have to thank Mr. Hawthorne for the use of the Gymnasium.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. G. BURN,

Lady Principal.

THE RECTOR'S REPORT.

High School, 1st April, 1874.

THE SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATION BOARD,

SIR,—

I have the honor to submit a Report of the High School for the year 1873.

The average attendance for the year was 107, the lowest number being 103 and the highest 109.

The general work of the School was as follows:

CLASSICS.

- V. Form.—Latin: The first three books of Virgil's *Æneid*.
Greek: Selections from Lucian's Dialogues.
- IV. Form.—Latin: The Second and Third Books of Cæsar's Gallic War.
- III. Form.—Latin: *Principia Latina*, Parts I. and II.
- II. Form.—Latin: *Principia Latina*, Part I.

ENGLISH.

- V, Form.—History: Tudor Period.
Shakespeare: King John and part of Richard III., (including Analysis and Paraphrases).
Spenser: Fairy Queen, Canto VI.
Morell's Grammar and Exercises.
Physical Geography, Composition Exercises, and Weekly Essay.
- IV. Form.—History: Tudor and Stuart Periods.
Geography: British Isles and South America.
Shakespeare: Selections.
Composition Exercises, Short Essay, or reproduction of passages read, once a week, and a Map once a month.
- III. Form.—History: House of Brunswick, and part of Plantagenets.
Geography: Europe and New Zealand, and a Map once a month.
- II. Form.—The usual branches taught in Junior Forms.

MATHEMATICS.

- V. Form.—Euclid: First Division, Books I., II., III., IV.
" Second do., " I., II., III.
" First do., " I.
Trigonometry: Colenso, Part I.
Algebra: Miscellaneous Questions, and Todhunter to end of Quadratics.
Arithmetic: Miscellaneous Questions.
- IV. Form.—Euclid: Book I.
Trigonometry: Practical Solution of Oblique Triangles
Algebra: Equations and Fractions.
Arithmetic: General.
- III. Form.—Arithmetic and Algebra.
- II. Form.—Arithmetic.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE.

- V. & IV. Forms.—A Course of Lessons on Geology (to end of Oolitic Period).
- IV. Form.—A Course of Lessons on Botany.
- III. Form.—Lessons on Thermometer, Barometer, and other Scientific Instruments.
- II. Form.—Object Lessons.

Reading, Writing, and Dictation, were taught in all the Forms below the Fifth, and Drawing to the whole School.

Three of the Provincial Scholars—Park, Solomon, and Hunter—and four other pupils who had been previously in attendance at the School, joined the University last session. This makes a total of 15 High School Boys who have attended the University during the last three years.

The examination for the Chamber of Commerce Medals was held in December last, when J. S. Webb, Esq., kindly acted as Examiner, in conjunction with Mr. Brent. The following is the award:—

Gold Medal, for Boys over 15 years of age—Low,
 First Silver Medal, for Boys under 15 years of age—Levi.
 Second Silver Medal, for Boys under 13 years of age—Scoular.

The Silver Pen presented annually by Mr. Webb to the best Writer in the School was awarded to Hardy. Mr. Webb also gave a Second Prize to Stilling.

I have to thank the following gentlemen for their contributions towards the Prize Fund:—

G. K. Turton, Esq.	...	...	...	£5
W. M. Hodgkins, Esq.	...	...	...	£3 3s.
His Worship the Mayor	...	...	...	£1
And Mrs. Burn for a prize of Books.				

I have also to thank the Hon. Julius Vogel for his Prize of £5 to be awarded, in accordance with his request, to the most popular boy in the School.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

STUART HAWTHORNE,

Rector.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF MR. HUTTON, DRAWING MASTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1873.

Dunedin School of Art,

10th March, 1874.

THE SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATION BOARD,

SIR,—

I have the honor to submit my Annual Report on the School of Art, and the other Schools in which Drawing is taught by me

The total number receiving instruction in Drawing during 1873 has been 1480, showing a total increase of 502 since last year. This total includes 1338 pupils of Public Schools, 27 teachers and pupil teachers, and 115 students who have attended the afternoon and evening classes, held in the School of Art.

The attendance at the various classes has been:—Teachers' and Pupil Teachers' Class, 27 students; Ladies' Afternoon Class, 35 students; Evening Classes, 80 students; Girls' High School, 137 pupils; Boys' High School, 100 pupils; North Dunedin, 175 pupils; Middle Dunedin, 250 pupils; South Dunedin, 183 pupils; Caversham, 125 pupils; Mornington, 83 pupils; Port Chalmers, 139 pupils; Lindon, 146 pupils.

THE TEACHERS' AND PUPIL TEACHERS' CLASS.—The care and attention of the students of this Class have merited all commendation, and the works executed during the session show satisfactory progress. I was unable to form a class for practical geometry and perspective, owing to a number of the students not being far enough advanced in model drawing. With a view to completing as far as possible their studies, I continued at model drawing those who were not sufficiently advanced, and gave those who were proficient, painting from the round in monochrome, so that they might be able to apply their knowledge

of flat washes to map tinting. The result has been satisfactory. All the schools in and about Dunedin are well represented in this class, with the exception of the Middle District, which has but two representatives.

LADIES' AFTERNOON CLASS.—The Drawings and Paintings executed by the Ladies attending this Class were of a more advanced character, consisting principally of drawings from the cast in chalk or monochrome, and painting in water or oil colours, from copies. Many of the drawings and paintings give evidence of earnest and successful effort.

THE EVENING CLASSES for artisans and others engaged during the day may now be classed amongst those fortunate institutions which, having passed through the early tentative ordeal, succeed in taking firm hold in the soil. Started only four years ago, it has already formed a class of young men whose efforts are full of interest. A small selection of their works was exhibited at the end of the session. They consisted of freehand, geometrical, and model drawing, drawing and shading from the cast, painting in monochrome from the cast, painting the figure and landscape from copies, mechanical and architectural drawings, designs, &c.

Since my last Report there have been added 200 casts of ornaments, fruit, flowers, shells, and the figure, six chromo-lithographs, copies of building construction, mechanical drawing, freehand drawing and examples of shading. Thirty of the casts were very much damaged, and a few more or less broken. With the assistance of Mr. Somerville, I was able to restore most of them to something like their original form.

The value of the school as now containing the most complete and instructive collection in New Zealand, the importance of its contents increasing year by year, is gradually being understood and appreciated by the students. As regards the room, I feel it necessary to report that its size is utterly inadequate, and the light insufficient. Now that the number of students has increased so largely, there is not sufficient available space in the evening to allow of the casts being profitably used. The temporary location of the school, and, in consequence, the make-shift character of its arrangements, cause a great many inconveniences. The erection of a building specially constructed for the purposes of a School of Art will prove the only effectual remedy. It is a remarkable proof of the importance of the school, that notwithstanding the want of space, light, and convenience, the use made of it has so considerably increased.

The High Schools, and the various Public Schools where the pupils have received instruction in drawing, continue to make satisfactory progress. Besides the usual lessons in freehand drawing, &c., I was able to go through a course of practical geometry with the most advanced pupils of the following Schools:—South Dunedin, Port Chalmers, and Caversham. The progress made, especially in the two latter, was very satisfactory.

Now that each of the schools has received an ample supply of excellent examples and models, similar to those used by the Science and Art Department, London, I shall be able to devote more of my time to geometrical and model drawing.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

DAVID C. HUTTON,

Drawing Master.

ANALYSIS OF THE OCCUPATIONS OF THE STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SCHOOL OF ART DURING 1873.

9 Carpenters.	1 Gun Smith.	1 Draper.
7 Joiners.	1 Brass Founder.	1 Photographer.
6 Painters.	3 Lithographers.	1 Coach-builder.
2 Masons.	1 Optician.	2 Ironmongers.
1 Stone-cutter.	1 Surveyor.	2 Grocers.
4 Mechanical Engineers.	5 Civil Engineers.	1 Storekeeper.
2 Boiler Makers.	9 Clerks.	4 Teachers.
1 Turner.	2 Book-keepers.	7 Students.
1 Pattern Maker.	1 Saddler.	
1 Goldsmith.	1 Gardener.	

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REPORT ON THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1873-4.

HONORARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Education Office,
Dunedin, April 2, 1874.

The Provincial Treasurer.

SIR,—

I have the honour to forward the Annual Report of the Master of the Industrial School. I am still able to report very favourably of the manner in which the institution is conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Britton. I can also bear testimony to the skill and success with which the work of school instruction has been carried on during the past year by the present teacher and his immediate predecessor. I consider it right also to refer to the services rendered by the gardener, who has not only performed satisfactorily the manual labour allotted to him, but has proved a very safe and efficient instructor of the children in their out-door work. Being a man of good principles and of kindly disposition and manners, he has, according to Mr. Britton's testimony, exercised a very beneficial influence upon the young people entrusted to his oversight in the garden, the field, and the workshop.

CHILDREN BOARDED OUT.

In the course of my visits to the rural districts I have been able to procure reliable information respecting a number of the children who have been boarded out. As a rule such information has been satisfactory both as regards the conduct of the young people, and the treatment of them by those under whose charge they have been placed. The reports furnished by members of the Police force on both of these points are also for the most part of a satisfactory nature. There are, as might be expected, some exceptions; but, on the whole, they are wonderfully rare.

RESULTS.

The Industrial School has now been in operation for five years, and the question may very properly be asked, What have been the fruits? The following extracts from original documents will, I believe, bear more emphatic testimony to the results that have been secured through the instrumentality of this institution than any mere second-hand statements of mine could do.

CASE I.

Among the children sent to the institution at its opening in January, 1869, were Jessie, George, and William ———, aged respectively about 8, 6, and 4 years. The following entry is placed opposite their names in the record of admissions:—"These children have been brought up by their mother in a brothel in Stafford-street. Their father has been twice convicted for keeping a disorderly brothel. Their mother is one of the most abandoned prostitutes in the Colony. Her eldest daughter, a little over 15 years, has been a public prostitute for a considerable time, living in the same house as her mother." The three children were well behaved during their residence in the institution, and in due time their terms expired. The following letter was received by Mr. Britton from a respectable settler in whose service Jessie had been employed, and who only parted with her because he had given up farming, and no longer required her:—"November 28, 1873.—As regards Jessie ———, she is a good and clever girl, and, above all, she is extremely honest; in fact, all I can say is, that she is a credit to you, and the manner that the children are brought up in the Industrial School. The girl was with me nine months, and I cannot give her too good a character. I am certain she is a girl that will keep her character good." Jessie is now a much valued servant in a family a few miles from Dunedin. She had a holiday last January, and, as is very often the case with former inmates, she spent it with Mr. and Mrs. Britton, whom she consults on all her little affairs, as any rightly brought up girl would consult her own parents. Although she is now beyond Mr. Britton's legal control, she takes or sends her spare wages to him, to be deposited in the Savings Bank.

The following letter was received by Mr. Britton from the second child, George ———, shortly before the expiry of his term.—"Dec. 10, 1872.—Dear Sir,—I now write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting on, having been here now for six months, and liking the place well, and liking Mrs. ——— and Mr. ——— also. I have agreed to remain with Mr. ——— at the same rate of wages a year, with food and clothing as before, and if I remain longer I will receive more wages. I am keeping in good health, and send my best wishes for your health, and for Mrs. Britton, and Henry [Britton], and Mr. Colee, and

all the rest of the boys. I go to Church and Sunday School on Sabbath. Hoping this will find you all in good health, I remain." A few months after the date of this letter, George began to show symptoms of declension. This was reported by his employer to Mr. Britton, who sent George a letter of remonstrance and warning. The following is George's reply:—"May 24th, 1873.—Sir—I thank you for that note you sent me, and I hope you will not have to do so again. I will try and do better. I want to stop here where I am." He is still in the same situation, and from the reports of his employer there is good hope of George keeping his promise of amendment. The following letter from George to his younger brother is worth giving, not only for its naturalness, but for its truthful description of the kind of work which most of the boys are sent to on first leaving the institution:—"Dear brother, I am happy to inform you that I am in good health, hoping this will find you the same. I am at ———, a distance of 40 miles from the Industrial School. I am living with a man the name of Mr. ———; he is kind to me, and he gives me lots of little jobs to do; and I bring up the cows from the paddock at night, and when the cows are milked I put [them] out again to the field, and in the morning I get them up from the field again, and after that I feed the pigs, and after I go and get some grass for the calf and give her a drink of water, and after I go in the garden to work, and so on. I hope you will excuse me for not writing sooner."

William ———, the youngest of the family, was not old enough to be hired out before his term expired; and as his parents had, happily for their children, left the Colony, he remained in the institution a short time longer. Soon after, however, a well known and respected country settler, who formerly had a boy from the School, called for another, and on Mr. Britton's recommendation he took William with him. His conduct since leaving has been so good, and he manifests so amiable a disposition that he is treated in all respects as a member of the family, and, to quote Mr. Britton's words, "His employer seems to regard him almost as if he were his own son."

CASE 2.

James, Catherine, Edward, and Thomas ———, aged respectively 10, 9, 7, and 5 years, were committed in January, 1869, for a term of four years each. The following is the entry respecting them in the record of admissions:—"Found by the Police in a brothel kept by their mother, who has been known as a prostitute and brothel-keeper since 1864. The husband [if any] unknown." James had been in three different situations when his term expired, and in all of them he conducted himself creditably. He is believed to be still doing well. Catherine was a servant girl for 2½ years in the family of a highly respectable and well-known gentleman in the suburbs of Dunedin, who describes her as "a most excellent girl." She has, up to the present time, conducted herself particularly well. The following letter was received by Mr. Britton from the gentleman to whom the third child, Edward, had been hired out:—"You will receive this note by Edward ———, his time being up with me. He has been a very good boy while in my employment, and I hope some one will take an interest in him. I shall be in on Saturday, to look out for a boy." This is the gentleman who, when he called on the Saturday for a boy, took with him little William ———, as stated in a preceding paragraph. The amounts to the credit of these children at the Savings Bank are, respectively, £16s. 19s., £19 2s., and £4 10s. Thomas was too young for being hired out before his term expired.

The mother of these children was married in 1872 to a man with whom she had been cohabiting for some time. The accounts received of the conduct of this woman and her husband were so satisfactory, that Thomas was handed over to them shortly before the expiry of his term. Catherine and Edward, on leaving service when their term expired, returned to their mother's house. The three children are now pupils of a district school, and the whole of the family—husband, mother, and children—are living decently and respectably.

CASE 3.

Isaac and Francis ———, aged respectively 6 and 3 years, were admitted into the School in January, 1869, for a term of seven years each. The following is the entry opposite their names:—"Found by the Police in a brothel; mother a low, drunken prostitute; reputed father, a butcher and slaughterman, who was removed to another Province." Both of these boys are exceedingly well behaved. Isaac has been in service for a short time in a township some distance from Dunedin. It was reported of him on December 18, 1873:—"I find he is giving the utmost satisfaction to his employer, and appears to be well cared for." 1873.—My Dear Brother,—I write these few lines hoping they will find you quite well, as this leaves me at present. I like this place very much, and I do not want to come back yet. I hope you are getting on at your book, and that you will answer this. I go to Mass, and to Sunday School every Sunday. How many children have you had come in since I left? How is Stephen H—— and Henry R——? I hope that the boys do not beat you. There is a lot of little children here. Please remember me to all the boys, and give my respects to Mr. and Mrs. Britton, and Henry [Britton]; and with my love to you, I remain your affectionate brother, Isaac ———."

CASE 4.

James ———, aged 8 years, was admitted to the Benevolent Institution in September, 1868, and was transferred to the Industrial School when it was opened, in January, 1869. The following is the entry opposite his name in the record of admissions:—"Found wandering about Port Chalmers having been abandoned by his mother." James behaved himself very well in the institution, and about two years ago he was hired out to a gentleman who has a run in a distant part of Otago. The following letter was received by Mr. Britton from James in November, 1872:—"I hope you are quite well. I have not seen you for a very long time. The people at the station are very good to me, and I have seen Charley D——, and I am learning to ride, and I am doing very well, and I get plenty to eat and drink. Please give my respects to Mrs. Britton." The following letters addressed to Mr. Britton by the lady under whom James has been fortunately placed, are in my opinion of much value, as showing the good and kindly influences

which are not unfrequently brought to bear upon the children sent out from the Industrial School:—
 “August 21st, 1873. — desires me to write and let you know how Jimmy — is getting on. On the whole I find him a good boy;—sometimes careless and thoughtless, but ready to acknowledge his fault, and never wilfully disobedient. At times I fear he is not truthful, but I have hitherto failed to prove it. He has very good health, but does not grow much, except in strength. He appears to be very happy and contented. He would like much to hear from you. His letter is rather peculiarly expressed, but I thought you would rather have it in his own words.” “February 26th, 1874.—I trust you will excuse my writing to ask if you would kindly send a few lines to James —. He has great fear and respect for you, and I told him I should write and tell of his having taken some apples from the trees in the garden. He is allowed to have as many as he likes to ask for, but forbidden to *take* any from the trees. I have suspected his doing so, but I always believe good until convinced of bad. But as I *saw* him pick some, I can no longer be blind. This is the first time this year; but last year he was seen many times, and I spoke to him most seriously, making excuses to myself, for we then had a woman servant who was not very honest about such matters. Of course I know boys will do such things, and think little of it; but I take such an interest in Jimmy, and wish to trust him so entirely, that I grieved much that he should deceive me. I should be very sorry to lose him, for I like him much, and he is a good boy in many ways; but I want him to grow up a good, upright man, and one that can resist temptation. I think if you would write him a stern, kind letter, it would do him good. Both Jimmy and Lilly — [a former inmate of the Industrial School] are quite well and happy. Lilly likes this far better than town. Again apologising for troubling you, &c.”

CASE 5.

D—, aged 13 years, was committed in January, 1869. The following entry stands opposite his name —“Found in a brothel in a very filthy condition; father not heard of for about eight years past; mother a low prostitute, cohabiting with a well-known thief.” The description of the condition and habits of this boy and some others when admitted to the institution is almost incredible. “As bad as pigs or worse,” is one of the terms employed. At first they could not be trusted to sleep in beds, but had to be laid on sacks on the floor of an out-room. In course of time D— developed into a very tidy and well-behaved boy. He has been with his present employer for fully two years, and is sober and industrious. He is now a smart and respectable youth of 17 or 18 years. On Sundays he dresses “like a gentleman,” and attends church regularly. In common with many of the former inmates, who reside within reach, he visits Mr. and Mrs. Britton, takes tea or other meals with them, and consults them respecting his affairs.

CASE 6.

Robert, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, and Margaret —, aged respectively 13, 9, 6, and 2½ years; were sent to the institution in June, 1871. The following is the entry opposite their names:—“Father of very drunken habits; at this time in custody at —, on a charge of felony.” He was afterwards convicted and sent to gaol for two years. The following letter was received by Mr. Britton from Robert’s employer shortly after his term had expired:—“I enclose you cheque for —, as payment of wages for Robert —. He is still with me yet. He behaved himself very well all the time he has been with me. He will be an active, steady fellow, if he is not led away with bad companions. Best respects to yourself and Mrs. Britton, &c.” Elizabeth is a nurse girl in a very respectable family in Dunedin, and is reported by her mistress as being particularly well behaved. Mary Ann, a pretty, interesting looking girl, was placed out in charge of Mr. and Mrs. —, Dunedin, who have virtually adopted her. Margaret, also an interesting little creature, is still in the institution. I feel disposed to recommend her, and some other little ones, to the notice of “well-to-do” couples throughout the Province.

CASE 7.

Henry and Robert —, aged respectively 8 and 4 years, were committed in December, 1869, for four years. The following is the entry opposite their names:—“Their mother was transported from — to Tasmania, and has, during her residence in Dunedin, been several times convicted of larceny. Very little is known of the father. The mother and children lived in one of the lowest haunts in Dunedin.” The following is a report respecting Henry:—“16th Nov., 1873.—Constable — begs to report that he has seen the boy Henry —, from the Industrial School, at service with Mr. —. He states he likes his situation very well, and has no complaints. He seems to be well treated. Mr. — is well satisfied with the boy’s general conduct.” He is still with the same employer. For some time past the mother of these boys has given satisfactory evidence of a very thorough amendment of conduct. She has been in very respectable service in the country, and her behaviour, so far as known, has been satisfactory in all respects. She is very saving, and has an account at the Savings Bank. Her younger son was given up to her on the expiry of his term last December, and by an arrangement with her employer, the boy now resides with her.

CASE 8.

Jemima — was committed in January, 1869, for four years. The following is the entry opposite her name:—“Found by Police in Mrs. Mason’s brothel; father a —; mother a charwoman. Both parents are drunkards. Since 1864, mother has been working among brothels, and occasionally for a few months keeping one herself.” This girl was in service in the same situation for two years, and conducted herself most creditably. The following are official reports respecting her:—“March 6th, 1871. Constable — begs to report that he has made enquiries in reference to Jemima —, and finds she is giving the utmost satisfaction to her master and mistress. Mr. — states that her conduct is excellent, and that he could not desire a better servant. The girl states that she is quite happy and comfortable, and

satisfied with her situation." "January 21st, 1872. Constable ——— begs to report with reference to Jemima ———. Her employer states that she is a very good girl, and obedient. From her appearance it is quite evident she is well cared for." A year or two ago the parents of this girl became thoroughly changed in their conduct. They went to reside in the country, and they have since led sober and industrious lives. The father being a good workman, has acquired a small rural property. Although strongly pressed by her employers to remain with them after the expiry of her term, Jemima went home to her parents. She paid a visit lately to Mr. and Mrs. Britton, and described, with much apparent satisfaction, how pleasantly and comfortably she and her parents were living on their little farm.

CASE 9.

Charles ———, aged 10 years, was committed in January, 1869, for four years. The following is the entry opposite his name:—"Found in a brothel; father deserted his family about the end of 1865; whereabouts at present unknown. Mother has since been working amongst brothels, and bringing up this boy in an idle, vagrant state." Charles was very well behaved in the institution. He was upwards of two years with a country settler, who was highly pleased with his conduct. He has now gone up-country, and is reported to be doing very well. He has £21 11s to his credit in the Savings Bank. The following letter from Charles to Mr. Britton is worth giving:—"June 4th, 1872.—Dear Sir,—Yours I received, and I am glad to hear from you, and to hear you are getting on well, and Mrs. Britton, and Henry, and I thank you for the book you sent me. It is a fine one. And I am very sorry to hear about Ted ——— and Jane ———. I had a letter from my mother, and she is getting on well. I don't know when I will be in Dunedin. If I am in any time I will come in and see you; I hope it won't be very long. I am longing to see you again, and I send my best respects to you and Mrs. Britton and Henry."

CASE 10.

William ———, aged 4 years, was committed for seven years in June, 1870. The following entry is opposite his name:—"Mother, Mary ———, *alias* ———, *alias* ———, is a habitual drunkard and a low prostitute. She is at present in Dunedin Gaol on a charge of vagrancy." Although at present only about eight years of age, this boy has been placed out in charge of a very respectable farmer, who felt interested in him for very creditable reasons. The following is an official report respecting the boy:—"Has been living since May, 1872, with Mr. ———, a farmer, residing about three miles from ———. The boy, when questioned a few days ago by Constable ———, stated that he was very well treated, and would be sorry to leave there. He looked clean, healthy, and well supplied with clothes. Mr. ——— considers it too far to send him to school, but says his wife instructs him in reading and spelling. He bears a very good character for being a quiet and attentive lad."

CASE 11.

Henry ———, aged 11½ years, along with two younger brothers who are still at the School was committed in February, 1872. For the last 18 months he has been placed out with a farmer. His amiable disposition and excellent conduct have gained him the goodwill of his employer to such an extent that he is treated in all respects as a member of the family. His mistress is so unwilling to part with him that she has called on Mr. Britton and asked him to use his influence to get the lad to stay on with her after his term has expired. He is now the owner of three heifers, two of which were presented to him by his mistress, and the third by a friend of the family who has become interested in him. He has also £10 in the Savings Bank.

CASES 12 and 13.

I have not nearly exhausted the materials at my disposal, but I believe instances enough have been related to convey some idea of the nature and the extent of the benefits which have resulted from the establishment and maintenance of the Industrial School. I may, however, insert the two following reports, which are, perhaps, among the least satisfactory of all that have been sent in respecting the conduct of the children:—"Constable ——— finds that James ——— has been very well looked after by his master. Mrs. ——— informed the constable that her husband intended to write to Mr. Britton some time during the next week about taking the boy away, as he was not much use to them owing to his lazy habits." "Sergeant ——— reports that the girl Bridget ——— expresses herself as perfectly satisfied with the treatment she receives from Mr. and Mrs. ———, who, on their part, state that she behaves herself very well, but that she is slow to learn how to become useful."

CONDUCT OF THE CHILDREN GENERALLY.

Although a very large proportion of the children of the Industrial School has undoubtedly turned out well, it must be admitted that some have acquitted themselves only moderately well. Mr. Britton and I know of only one boy and one girl* who have proved thoroughly bad; and they are certainly very bad, notwithstanding the many good influences that were unremittingly brought to bear upon them for several years. We have some fears as to the future course of a fine-looking and interesting girl whose term expired some time ago, and who has returned to her mother's house.

CASE 14.

I may here mention the case of young G——, whose committal to the Industrial School about seven months ago excited some degree of attention, and whose case was regarded even by Mr. Britton as hopelessly bad. Through the interest of his Honour the Superintendent when at Wellington last year, G——

*They are the boy and girl referred to in Charles ———'s letter to Mr. Britton under case 9.

was discharged from the School and taken as an apprentice on board the ——. The vessel has since been twice at Port Chalmers, and on both of these occasions G—— went to see Mr. and Mrs. Britton and his old schoolmates, though he did not go near his worthless parents. He expressed himself as quite pleased with his new position, and at his last visit he informed Mr. Britton that his wages had been raised to £2 per month.

REFORMATION IN THE CASE OF PARENTS.

Other instances, in addition to the three cases already related, could be given of a reformation having unmistakably taken place in the conduct and habits of the parents of children who had been committed to the Industrial School. I am not yet prepared to offer any positive opinion as to the cause or causes which may have brought about such reformation. The idea has, however, begun to impress itself upon Mr. Britton and myself that the visible improvement effected through the instrumentality of the institution upon the conduct and condition of their children may have been exercising, in some cases, a powerful reflex influence upon the parents, even to such an extent as to create in them a strong yearning after good, and thus to bring about that amendment of life so manifestly exhibited by them. It is not improbable that the shock produced upon the minds of the parents by the forcible removal of their children from their control may have, in some instances, contributed towards the results referred to.

CHILDREN SOMETIMES RESTORED TO REFORMED PARENTS

Even long before the expiry of the term for which the children have been committed, it sometimes happens that the conduct of the parents has so much improved, and they express so strong a desire to have their little ones restored to them, that it is deemed advisable to place their children out with them. Of course the children remain under the legal control of the institution; and the parents knowing this, are usually exceedingly careful to avoid such a course of conduct as would lead to a forfeiture of the custody of the children. Mr. Britton's reports of his experience respecting cases of this kind are interesting, and sometimes affecting.

CASE 15.

Mrs. —, when her little girl was committed to the institution was a low, drunken, worthless woman, and had been several times in gaol. Her conduct soon after underwent a total change, and she pled hard to have her child restored to her. After a short but satisfactory probation her request was granted. She is still persevering in her good habits, and not only is she maintaining herself and her child respectably, but she keeps her at a good school, and is gradually paying off the cost of the girl's maintenance at the Industrial School, which could not by any means be got from her at the time. There are at present three other cases of a somewhat similar nature, which have not been previously mentioned in this report.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION ON WEEK DAYS.

Judging from results, I think it will be admitted that the moral tone of the establishment must be of a wholesome nature. In accordance with the 43rd section of the Act, the afternoon of every Thursday is specially set apart for the religious instruction of the children by the clergymen of their several denominations. In the absence of clergymen, the teacher devotes himself to the instruction of the Protestant children. Those of the Roman Catholic persuasion are usually visited and instructed by a clergyman of their own Church. From the Clergymen's Visiting Book kept in the institution, I have gleaned the following information:—Of 51 visits from clergymen during the year ended 31st March, 1874, one was made by the Right Reverend Bishop Neville; four by ministers of the Presbyterian Church; and 46 by Roman Catholic clergymen. The following is the entry made by the Bishop:—"July 16th, 1873.—The Anglican Bishop of Dunedin visited the Institution this day, and found everything in the establishment as satisfactory as the nature of the buildings will allow, and he believes that the Master is most careful to do justice and fulfil his duties to all." Two visits were made by the Presbyterian minister at Caversham; one was made by the Presbyterian minister at Otepopo; and the fourth by a clergyman from the North Island. At one of these visits only do the children seem to have received any religious instruction; the following being the entry made on the occasion:—"September 29th, 1873.—This day I visited the School and taught the [Presbyterian] children. I found them possessed of a very fair share of religious knowledge.—ROBERT FLEMING, P. Minister.

Nearly all the 46 visits to the Catholic children were made by the Reverend Mr. Crowley, whose kindness of manner seems specially to fit him for the duty. Religious instruction was given on almost every one of these occasions. The following are some of the entries made by this gentleman:—"Oct. 16, 1873.—Visited on duty. Found the children particularly docile and attentive." "Oct. 31, 1873.—Visited on duty. Was very much pleased with the progress of the children." February 27, 1874.—Found the children all that could be desired, even more docile and attentive than usual."

SUNDAY INSTRUCTION.

The Church of England and the Presbyterian children attend their respective Churches at Caversham on alternate Sundays, accompanied by the Master or Teacher. Owing to the distance from Dunedin, the Catholic children are unable to attend Church. When the weather is unfavourable, the Protestant children are instructed at home by the Master or Teacher.

There are two Sunday classes held regularly from 3 to 4 o'clock, p.m., the one for the Protestant, the

other for the Catholic children. The class for the Protestants was at first conducted by a gentleman resident at Caversham. It is now taught by Miss D——, a member of the Church of England, who resides at Caversham. The Catholic children are taught by Mr. C——, a Catholic layman resident in Dunedin. Both of these teachers are most assiduous, and seem to possess in a high degree the ability to interest and instruct their scholars. The reports of the children's conduct in both classes are very favourable. The Protestant children have copies of the ordinary Bible or New Testament; the others have the Douay version. At the present time there are about 64 children who are deemed old enough to receive formal religious instruction. They may be classified as follows:—Church of England, 25; Presbyterian and other Protestants, 25; Roman Catholics, 14. A youth, whose term expired a considerable time ago, and who resides at some distance, still continues to attend the Protestant Sunday class with great regularity, and he not unfrequently accompanies Mr. Britton to the Church.

THE CHILDREN'S EARNINGS.

In addition to board and clothing, the elder children who are hired out receive wages according to their respective abilities. These wages are in every case placed in the Savings Bank to the credit of those earning them. As stated in Mr. Britton's report, these sums, with interest, now amount to £335 19s 5d. In one instance only has the money (£10 11s) been given up to the parents. This was in the case of a boy—the son of respectable parents—who had been committed for incorrigibility, and the cost of whose maintenance while in the School had been defrayed by his father. I presume that, as a rule, the money with accrued interest will be paid over to the young people on their attaining their majority, or at such other times as may be deemed advisable, good conduct being in every case a condition of such payment being made.

THE GROUNDS AND BUILDING.

A visit to the institution by any one who formerly knew the locality, will at once render apparent the very great and numerous improvements which have been made on the grounds during the last four or five years. A large portion of the land is now well sheltered by trees, and is under thorough cultivation. It will no doubt be found possible by and by, when the land is more completely sheltered and cultivated so to utilize it as to render the Industrial School almost or altogether self-sustaining.

The School does not seem to have been visited last year by many of the inhabitants of the Province beyond those who went for the purpose of hiring the children. The Visitor's Book shows that several strangers of distinction had gone to see the institution, and had been taken there in most instances by His Honour the Superintendent. The Rev. Dr. Begg, of Edinburgh, accompanied by Dr. Stuart, visited the School last October. He stated that whilst the domestic management was much the same as in similar institutions at Home, he considered we had a very great advantage over most of the latter in the possession of the garden and farm, and he strongly urged upon us the wisdom of bringing up the children to farming, gardening, and other rural occupations. The following is the entry made by this eminent authority on the subject of Social Reform:—"October 13th, 1873.—Visited the Institution, and am much pleased with the gardening and industrial pursuits in which the boys and girls are engaged. The religious and moral training seems also well attended to."

I beg, in conclusion, to commend to the consideration of the Government the representations made by Mr. Britton respecting the buildings. Most of these were very old when placed on the ground, and the cost of keeping them in repair is heavy. The arrangement of the buildings is of necessity far from suitable, and leads to much inconvenience and loss of time. But the greatest objection is the risk arising from fire. This is a source of very great anxiety to Mr. and Mrs. Britton, who use every precaution against such a calamity; for if a fire should break out, the consequences might be very serious indeed.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN HISLOP,

Hon. Inspector of the Industrial School.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

Otago Industrial School,
Caversham, March 18, 1874.

JOHN HISLOP, Esq.,
Inspector of Schools.

SIR,—

I beg to forward my Report of this Institution from the 31st March, 1873 to this date. The total number of children at present located here is—boys, 55, and girls, 39, making a total of 94. The particulars of those admitted and discharged during the last twelve months are shewn in the following:—

ABSTRACT OF CHILDREN ADMITTED AND DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 18, 1874.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
In the School on 31st March, 1873	55	40	95
Admitted during the year	18	10	28
	73	50	123
In the School at this date	55	39	94
Placed at Service during the year	17	11	28
Discharged	1	0	1
	73	50	123

The cost of the establishment during the past twelvemonths has been £1450 13s. 4d., as compared with £1453 13s. 2d., for the previous year. As will be seen from the subjoined table, the votes have in no case been exceeded. The expenditure has been kept considerably within the limits, and the average cost of the children has been 5s. per head per week.

EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.

Particulars.	Amount Voted.			Amount Expended.			Balance Unexpended.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries	640	0	0	635	5	9	4	14	3
Maintenance	1183	0	0	674	6	1	508	13	11
Fuel and Light]	90	0	0	58	17	9	31	2	3
Incidental Expenses	105	0	0	82	3	9	22	16	3
Totals	2018	0	0	1450	13	4	567	6	8

I may here state that the sum of £52 5s. 7d. was expended in the erection of a Bath House, and the necessary repairs to the buildings during the past year.

As previously reported I have more applications for the services of both boys and girls than I can supply, in consequence of their being too young and not sufficiently educated.

The reports as to the conduct and treatment of those who are now engaged are highly satisfactory.

This information is obtained through the Head of the Police Department, from personal visits, and from letters from several of their employers. The children themselves also write and state how kindly they are treated. Several of these children who are hired out still enjoy the benefits of schooling either during the day or in the evening.

Seven of the boys have been apprenticed to the following trades :—2 Rope and Twine Spinning, 1 Baker, 1 Carpenter, 1 Confectioner, 1 Cordial Manufacturer, and 1 (the boy John Gately, who was discharged) has been placed on board the Colonial Government Steamer "Luna," for three years.

As heretofore, those boys in the institution who are fit, are instructed in garden and farm work under the guidance of the gardener, and the girls are employed in the usual domestic duties, under the matron's superintendence.

The amount collected by me from parents for their childrens' maintenance during the year is £212 10s. 6d. I have received £12 11s. for the sale of pigs and sand, making a total of £225 1s. 6d., being about £10 more than last year. The amount of wages received during the past year has been £123 17s. 11d. This added to the £212 1s. 6d. mentioned in my last year's Report, will make a total of £335 19s. 5d. This amount is deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, to the credit of 47 children, viz.,—26 boys and 21 girls. It may be interesting to know that 13 boys and 12 girls have under £5 each to their credit; 7 boys and 2 girls have between £5 and £10 each; 3 boys and 4 girls between £10 and £15 each; 1 boy and three girls between £15 and £20 each, and 2 boys over £20 each.

The education of the children has been attended to by Mr. G. S. Neish, the Schoolmaster, who appears to spare no pains in the performance of his duties.

The conduct of the children has been thoroughly good, and no sickness of any kind has presented itself since my last report.

The Visiting Surgeon (Dr. Burns) has been unremitting in his attendance.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.—The children attend regularly (weather permitting) the Presbyterian and Episcopalian Churches at Caversham. Those belonging to the Roman Catholic persuasion are visited by the Priest. The Protestant Sunday School is visited and conducted by a Lady Teacher voluntarily, and the Catholic portion likewise by a gentleman of that denomination.

BUILDINGS.—The present condition of the buildings is tolerably good, and the accommodation ample; but I would draw attention to the advisability of substituting brick for the present wooden structures, as every year they become more decayed, and repairs are heavier, whilst the danger from fire especially is very great.

FENCING.—I shall require a sufficient sum (say £30) for the half cost of the construction of a boundary fence, of an unexpensive character, between this and Mr. Sidey's property, the total length of which will be about 35 chains.

In conclusion I subjoin a table shewing the admissions and discharges since the Institution was established :—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Number in School at present date	55	39	94
Number hired out at this date	24	12	36
Number previously hired, now beyond the jurisdiction of the School	33	17	50
Number given up to their friends	10	21	31
Number who have died in the Institution	3	2	5
Total number of admissions since the outset	125	91	216

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

BENJAMIN BRITTON,

Master of School.

REPORT ON THE GAOL DEPARTMENT, DUNEDIN, FOR 1873-4.

(*Laid on the Table by the Provincial Secretary, April 29, 1874.*)

Gaol Department,
Dunedin, 27th April, 1874.

THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,—

STR,—

In compliance with your circular, dated 5th ult., I have the honor to lay before you the following Report on the state of the Department under my charge, during the financial year, 1873-4, and I feel the greater pleasure in doing so as the results of preceding years confirm my frequently expressed opinion, that under a proper system, and under ordinarily favourable circumstances, it is not only possible to relieve the Province from outlay, in respect of the criminals in Gaol, but even to derive a tangible benefit from their enforced labour, when judiciously directed.

During a late session, the Provincial Council passed a resolution, that, at the termination of each financial year, a Return should be laid upon the table, shewing the manner in which the prisoners had been employed, and the value of their labour, at current rates of wages.

Return B has been compiled in compliance with the resolution. This return—omitting the actual value of work—is strictly in accordance with the rules and instructions issued by the Right Honourable the Home Secretary, for the guidance of all Gaols and Penal Establishments in Great Britain and Ireland. On examination of Return B, it will be found that the total earnings of the establishment for the labour performed by the prisoners, tradesmen-overseers, &c., &c., (see Return A) outside its walls, amounted to £6,513 13s. 6d., while the total expenditure was £6,355 0s. 11d., leaving in favour of the Department the satisfactory balance of £158 12s 7d.

The appropriation for the year was £6,523 10s., on which, by the most rigid economy, a saving of £168 9s 1d, was effected; while, at the same time, the service has been carried out with the utmost efficiency the means at my disposal would permit. For the result of the past year I would refer you to Return B, ordered by the Provincial Council, and at the same time bring under your notice as briefly as possible a few particulars relative to the most prominent undertakings which have engaged the available prison labour during the same period.

The Removal of Bell Hill has been steadily continued, and will soon be an accomplished fact. The *debris* has been used for harbour reclamation, &c., and thus two objects have been attained at the same time.

Port Chalmers.—A gang has been engaged in making and excavating the road from the Port to Carey's and Deborah Bay, &c.; and the work, which is of the most vital importance to the numerous settlers on the harbour, pushed rapidly forward. The work is carried on under considerable disadvantages, the cuttings in some places being very heavy, and a great deal of blasting has to be done.

Botanical Gardens.—A small gang has been constantly employed in these Gardens; and, in addition to the ordinary duty of assisting the Provincial Gardener, the hill-side paths have been repaired and extended, and a neat and commodious rustic pavilion or summer-house erected for the convenience of visitors.

High-street, adjoining the Railway Station, has been permanently and substantially formed.

Cumberland and Castle-streets.—The permanent formation of these streets have been proceeded with, and the allotments adjoining have been filled up, where arrangements could be made with the owners. A most decided improvement is already apparent in this portion of the city, and from a sanitary point of view, the importance of this work cannot well be over-estimated.

Harbor Works.—Jetties have been erected and repaired in several places by the prisoner mechanics, under the direction, and with the aid of tradesmen overseers. A new Jetty is also in course of erection from Rattray-street to Jetty-street. A considerable amount of prison labor has for some years past been devoted to harbor improvements, and I am pleased to say the results have received the unanimous approval of the highest authorities.

In addition to the above, the former pitching, or breastwork, fronting Crawford-street, has been removed. The grounds of *Fern Hill* were put in order prior to the visit of His Excellency the Governor. All the carpenter's and blacksmith's work required during the year has been effected in the establishment, also a large number of seats for the Botanical and Hospital Gardens. The whole of the gaol buildings,

&c. have been kept in thorough repair by prison labor, without any outside assistance. When it is recollected the large sums of money formerly expended for "repairs," the saving thus effected will be immediately appreciated.

As hitherto, the labor inside the Gaol, (including female labor), has been employed in making and repairing boots, shirts, and underclothing, tailoring, washing, painting, plumbing, &c., &c., and keeping the establishment in the state of thorough cleanliness so absolutely essential in order to ensure the health of the inmates.

As the experiment was no doubt a novel one, I may mention that no difficulty has been felt in the employment of the railway for conveying gangs to and from Port Chalmers; on the contrary, this course has proved highly satisfactory during the time it has been adopted—nearly two years—and it may now reasonably be concluded that it will continue to be so in the future, and thus enable the sphere of prison labor to be almost indefinitely extended.

The prisoners received during the year numbered 541, of whom 391 were males, and 150 females. During the same period, 368 males and 153 females were discharged.

The class of male prisoners received presents no element calling for any special comment. However, upon examination of the class of female prisoners received, it will be found that the most of them are from the lowest quarter of the town, from densely populated localities, where numbers are crowded in lanes, and often where numbers are huddled together in the same house. In such an atmosphere, self-respect, morality, and the sacredness of family life are soon destroyed, and where intemperance reigns supreme, and carries with it no sense of shame or social degradation, we cannot be surprised if drunken brawls, assaults, and riotous conduct become the order of the day. My experience has convinced me that drunkenness overcrowds this gaol more than crime. So important a fact may warrant my again urging the necessity of a more uniform system of administering the law as regards old confirmed drunkards, who are determined to set law and public decency at defiance. To give a woman who has been twenty or thirty times in gaol for drunkenness, one month can have no punitive deterrent or moral effect. Society has a right to be protected from the demoralising influence of this class of habitual drunkards. Such people, if they can be reclaimed will only be so by long or permanent confinement, where, removed from all possibility of obtaining drink, the force of habit is weakened and subdued, and where they gradually acquire new ideas and self-respect. If crime is to be checked, we must crush it in its earliest stages, before it has matured into habit. Prison, solitary confinement, hard labor, even the dark cell have not the least deterrent effect upon a young woman who has been in gaol four or five times for being drunk and disorderly, and whose longest sentence was seven or fourteen days. There is a large class of these women coming constantly to gaol, who, if on their third commitment, received a sentence of two or three years, would, I am certain, be deterred by such powerful means from drink and prostitution. I repeat, no length of confinement or severity of punishment will deter the confirmed criminal class, but those entering upon the path of evil, especially girls, can be turned aside from it by the terror of prison life and the fear of the loss of liberty.

During the year, the school, which is now in full and successful operation, was formed for the benefit of juveniles, &c., and it is very pleasing to remark the avidity with which they grasp the opportunity of improvement thus afforded.

The conduct of the prisoners during the past year has been good—taken as a whole—and no punishments of a severe description have been inflicted. I attribute this satisfactory result, in a great measure, to the firm stand taken by the Visiting Justices last year, and the infliction in two instances of corporal punishment. As I mentioned in my last report, flogging had not then been resorted to for some years, but the circumstances required strong measures. The result has proved highly satisfactory, and my thanks are due to the Justices for their determination to enable me to carry out the necessary discipline of the establishment.

The health of the prisoners has been good, and the Provincial Surgeon has regularly attended the Gaol. The Gaol Chaplains have conducted Divine Service for the different denominations every Sunday, and have always expressed themselves satisfied with the orderly and attentive behaviour of the prisoners.

The Visiting Justices have regularly inspected the establishment, and heard complaints from or against the prisoners. His Excellency the Governor visited the Gaol during his stay in Dunedin, and expressed himself highly satisfied with the cleanliness and order everywhere apparent. His Excellency, however, disapproved of the construction of the building; and I here mention the fact, as it is a strong corroboration of the opinion I have so frequently expressed in former reports.

In conclusion, I beg to convey to the Government, my approval of the conduct of the Gaol officers during the past year, and to reiterate my frequently expressed opinion, that no reasonable effort should be spared to retain competent officers in such a trying and peculiar service. It should be borne in mind, that it is only by the payment of adequate salaries for the very special services required—the hours of duty being much longer than in any other Government department—that it can be hoped to obtain the necessary capacity, integrity, and experience; and thus only can the temptation to increase an inadequate salary by fraud, or the acceptance of bribes be effectually rendered nugatory.

A Gaol may be likened to a hospital, filled with the victims of disease, sent there to be cured. Surely none but qualified officers should be placed in charge of such an establishment. Men designed for all other skilled pursuits,—the lawyer, the preacher, the doctor, the engineer, the merchant, and the artisan, &c. must have a training which can fit them, each for his own business. Prison officers, therefore, need a special education for their work: special training schools should be instituted for them, and prison administration should be raised to the dignity of a profession. Thus alone can the details of Gaol discipline be gradually perfected, and uniformity in its application attained. For only when the administration of public punishment is made a profession, will it become scientific, uniform, and successful.

The following returns accompany this Report, viz.—Return A, shewing the earnings of the Department, during the financial year 1873-4; and Return B, the manner in which the prisoners were employed, and the value of their labour.

I have, &c.,

JAMES CALDWELL,

Governor.

RETURN A—Shewing the Earnings and Expenditure of H.M.'s Gaol, Dunedin, from the 1st of April, 1873, to the 31st of March, 1874.

EARNINGS—

Estimated value of prisoner's labor	...	...	...	5415	10	0
614 days' labor of tradesmen overseers, at 12s.	...	...	...	368	8	0
680 " " foremen warders, at 10s.	...	...	...	340	0	0
102 " " do. do. at 8s. ...	...	...	...	40	16	0
Receipts—Maintenance	...	...	...	292	7	0
" Miscellaneous	...	...	...	56	12	6
				6513	13	6

EXPENDITURE—

Salaries and departmental contingencies	...	...	...	6355	0	11
Excess of earnings over expenditure	...	...	...	158	12	7

RETURN B—Shewing the manner in which the prisoners in H.M.'s Gaol, Dunedin, have been employed from the 1st of April, 1873, to 31st March, 1874, and the value of their labor.

Where employed.	Rate.	Amount.
Labor outside Gaol—		
5460 days' labor at Bell Hill	7s	£1911 0 0
5914 " " Botanical gardens at Port Chalmers	7s	2069 18 0
1850 " " Botanical Gardens	7s	647 10 0
811 " " Rattray-street Jetty	7s	108 17 0
505 " " formation of High-street	7s	176 15 0
115 " " Fern Hill	7s	40 5 0
29 " " removing breastwork in Crawford-street	7s	10 3 0
52 " " Female Refuge	7s	18 4 0
3 " " repairing Supreme Court-house	8s	1 4 0
412 " " of Carpenters, Blacksmiths, and Painters at Jetties, Botanical Gardens, &c.	10s	206 0 0
Carpenters and Blacksmiths (piece work)		225 14 0
		£5415 10 0
Labor inside Gaol—		
608 days' labor of Tailors and Shoemakers	6s	£182 8 0
242 " " Cooks and Wardsmen	3s 6d	427 7 0
169 " " Clerk	10s	84 10 0
735 " " Washerwomen	3s	110 5 0
2675 " " Needlewomen	2s 6d	329 7 6
319 " " Wardswoman	2s 6d	39 17 6
353 " " Wood-cutters (invalids)	2s 6d	31 12 6
231 " " labor within (general repairs)	8s	92 8 0
		£1297 15 6

REPORT ON THE ROADS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR 1873-4.

Provincial Engineer's Department,

Dunedin, 22nd April, 1874.

The Secretary for Works.

SIR,—

I have the honor to submit the usual Report upon the working of this Department for the year ending 31st March, 1874.

As the appended Reports of the District Engineers embrace all the details necessary for the elucidation of the nature and progress of the works undertaken within the limits of the financial year, I will restrict my remarks to a brief description of the chief works completed, initiated, and projected.

ROADS.

The main lines of communication upon which operations have been concentrated in the shape of new works, with the view of improving their condition, are as follows:—

Palmerston to Dunedin.

Palmerston to Oamaru.

Tokomairiro to Tuapeka, Teviot, and Alexandra.

Dunstan to Cromwell.

Cromwell to Queenstown.

Mataura Bridge to Invercargill.

In each case efforts have been directed towards improving the gradients, and, where practicable, establishing as complete a communication, by works of a permanent nature, as the vote at disposal would permit.

The works embraced new sidings, deviations, metalling, pitching, and gravelling (where metal was practically inaccessible), and other improvements called for by special local requirements.

The works have been almost without exception carried out by contract. Special instances did occur in outlying districts where the excess of the tenders over the estimates resulted in the works being accomplished by piece work or day labor. As a general rule, however, the tender amounts of the most important works were reasonable, and did not differ widely from the estimates formed, due consideration being given to the increased price of labor.

The scarcity of labor which has uninterruptedly continued during the year has greatly retarded operations, and caused a considerable increase in the cost of works to the extent of from 20 to 50 per cent. This will explain any slight excess over the votes indicated by the liabilities on the estimate statement furnished.

The continuous metalled road extending from Palmerston to Clutha Ferry has been, as formerly, maintained by contract. Unless where otherwise noted, this system has been effectual in preserving the line of communication in good condition. It certainly involves comparatively slight supervision on the part of the District Engineers, relieves them from the onerous duties attending the day labor system, and admits of their services being more immediately confined to new works.

Between Waitati and Palmerston a proportionate allowance of metal does not seem to have been provided in former years. The heavy traffic of last winter made this apparent, as the road was in several places rendered almost impassible by the crust having been completely penetrated. This defect has been as far as possible remedied, and due expedition will be exercised before winter to secure a coating sufficient to prevent a like occurrence.

The Tokomairiro and Tuapeka division is now completed as a metalled road for a distance of about seven miles from the Toll-bar, and, as the remaining part has been put in fair condition by pitching and gravelling, tolls might with consistency be established for the exaction of rates, on a scale perhaps lower

than on those of the ordinary metalled roads, from which a revenue might be derived sufficient to cover at least the cost of future maintenance.

The unmetalled roads, where new works in the form of deviations, metalling, pitching, and gravelling have not yet been initiated, have been regularly attended to by surfacemen. Of course this method of patching is extremely unsatisfactory, as the labours of the surface gangs, although employed to the best advantage under the circumstances, result in no permanent benefit to the respective lines of communication upon which the men are engaged.

BRIDGES.

The drawings of the various bridges for which sums were allocated, were all prepared, and the works contracted for during the year, with the exception of those over the Deep and Lee Streams. The latter, however, is now advertised, and the section of the former will shortly be taken, with the view of erecting a bridge at an early date.

Excepting that at Murray's Flat Creek, all the bridges have been, or are being executed by contract. In the case of the Murray's Flat Creek, it was found that the lowest tender was in advance of the estimated cost nearly £300. The structure's completion by day labor subsequently verified the accuracy of the estimate.

The bridges undertaken during the year are as follows:—

Timber	{	Waimatuku	...	...	3 spans of 12½ feet each.
		Makarewa	...	...	4 " 30 "
		Hayes Lake	...	...	1 " 12 feet.
		Tomoparaka	...	...	4 " 17½ feet each.
		Taieri River at Greytown (compound Road and Railway)	...	...	22 " 15 "
Stone & Timber	{	Murray's Flat Creek	...	...	1 span of 34 feet.
		Douglas Creek	...	...	1 do. of 30 feet.
		Goldie's Creek	...	...	1 do. of 12 feet.
Stone	{	Otepopo (South Branch) arched	...	...	2 spans of 60 feet each.
		Island Stream do	...	...	3 do. of 20 feet each.

Of these the Makarewa, Hayes' Lake, Murray's Flat Creek and Island Streams have been completed. The works of the remainder are in hand and are being vigorously prosecuted.

Of the Bridges contracted for towards the end of the previous financial year, embracing the Jacob's River at Riverton, Mataura at Pyramids, Pomahaka, Pleasant River (North Branch), Mill Race (Kakanui), and Lindsay's Creek, the four latter are completed, and the two former in an advanced state.

The Jacob's River Bridge during the time it was in the hands of the original contractors, was not proceeded with as expeditiously as its importance warranted, partly from the difficulty experienced in obtaining the required timbers, but principally to the unnecessarily slow progress made without sufficient cause. It was found expedient on account of this latter reason to take the work from the contractor and readvertise it. A tender was subsequently accepted at the former contractor's risk and the structure is now being erected as speedily as circumstances will permit.

The repairs to the South approach of the Waikouaité Bridge have not yet been made, but the work is arranged for, and the earliest attention will be given to it for the temporary safety of traffic. The present condition of this bridge, as a whole, is such as to induce a strong recommendation in favor of the erection of a new structure during the present year.

The Bridge over the Waiareka Creek must necessarily be superseded during the year on account of its timbers having decayed to such an extent as to make the structure positively dangerous.

The Manuka Creek Bridges require extensive alterations in order to render them sufficiently safe for traffic. At present their width is too limited, and the stability of the abutments is not of a character sufficient to justify their extended use.

The foot-bridge which has until lately stood so prominently on dry land, contiguous to the Shag River at Palmerston, has been taken down with a view to re-erection over the Marurehenua River within two miles of the township. The timber was found to be perfectly sound, and the length and scantlings well suited for the new site.

Several of the existing bridges throughout the Province have had considerable repairs effected upon them in the shape of superstructure renewals.

They will be found detailed in the District Engineer's Reports.

The bridge now in course of erection at the Beaumont, as a private undertaking with certain privileges, is progressing satisfactorily, and will in all likelihood be open for traffic in the month of July.

During the year, conditional offers were invited from persons desirous of erecting bridges over the Clutha River, at Alexandra and Clyde, and the Kawarau River at Morven Ferry, but no applications were received.

WHARVES, JETTIES, AND HARBOURS.

Bluff Wharf.—The Bluff Wharf extension and repairs contract was completed about two months ago. The extended accommodation afforded thereby cannot fail to be of immense benefit to shipping and to the trade generally of the Port. A further extension of 200 or 300 feet would seem to be necessary, in order to thoroughly meet existing requirements. The top timbers of the approach to the wharf having been found to be in a thoroughly decayed condition, steps were taken at once to replace them. This work has lately been completed.

Dunedin Jetties.—Ratray street Wharf extension contract, whereby an additional 200 feet in length of accommodation will be secured, will in all probability be completed within a fortnight. A further extension of the timber framing would give increased facilities for shipping. The cross wharf, between Ratray and Jetty streets, now well advanced towards completion, was undertaken by the prisoners, and is being carried out by them as rapidly as the timber for the purpose is brought upon the ground.

Riverton.—A contract was lately accepted for the erection of a jetty at Riverton. The length is 100 feet and the clear width 22 feet. The jetty, as designed, springs from the new bridge in course of erection. It is intended by this arrangement to secure greater facilities for shipment.

Waikouaiti.—Improvements to the Waikouaiti Harbour are now being made by contract. The object is to secure, by the aid of a timber training-wall, a sufficient scour to keep open the water communication as far as the jetty. Hitherto great difficulties have been met with through the absence of a well directed current in preventing silt and sand deposits, and a consequent shallowing of the harbour entrance.

Port Chalmers.—A harbour reclamation contract was entered into some time ago at Port Chalmers for the purpose of securing an extended area for Railway and other purposes. The sea line of reclamation extends from the Railway Pier steps to the old jetty. The total amount of the contract is about £4,200, which includes a timber wharf similar to that in course of construction at Ratray-street extension works.

General.—The reclamation works in the upper harbour are being prosecuted by the aid of free and prison labour. Two contracts are in operation: one for the removal of material from Pitt-street, and the other from Bell Hill. The Inspector of Works' Report affords detailed information relative thereto.

Three flood gates have been erected on the Anderson's Bay Road, to act as mediums for the more satisfactory drainage of the adjoining flat. These outlets can be extended when the reclamation works at the head of the bay are carried out.

Appended is a statement of all the contracts entered into during the year, with the amounts, localities, names of contractors, and remarks as to the condition of contracts up to date. In addition to these, several works were undertaken by piece-work and day labour in the various districts, and more particularly in the interior and Southland, where monopolies existed to render the adoption of the contract system inexpedient.

RAILWAYS.

Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway.—This Railway has been in operation by the Provincial Government since it was taken over from the General Government on 9th April, 1873.

The control of the rolling stock and permanent way maintenance having been vested in me as Inspecting Engineer, I have accordingly retained the supervision of these branches of the Railway Department up to the present time.

On a line newly constructed it may be conceived that a more than ordinary expenditure would be entailed the first year; and this is, to a certain extent borne out by the result. The future maintenance disbursements, however, can be greatly reduced during the following year.

The travelling stock available hitherto has proved on several occasions to be too limited for existing requirements. In making provision, therefore, for the future working of the line, it is absolutely necessary that the cost of obtaining additional stock be included in the Estimates. I would recommend that the frames of such new stock be placed upon bogies instead of perpetuating the ordinary rigid wheel base system upon lines similar to that under consideration. This will involve considerable less tear and wear of both stock and permanent way.

The absence of a wheel turning lathe and appliances for ordinary repairs in connection with the railway have been greatly felt. These wants have been referred to in two separate memos sent in within the last three months.

A third engine upon the "Fairlie" system was recommended to be sent for some time ago in order to relieve the existing two, and admit of repairs being effected, when required, without interference with the ordinary traffic.

As the rails and fixings originally imported are all now in use, additional plant will therefore be required for renewals and insertion of sidings and branches where called for by an increasing traffic.

Several new works have been carried out on the line during the year, consisting of side stations, sidings, temporary good-shed accommodation, and general improvements to permanent way in increased width of formation and new ballast.

The Stock and Permanent Way have been carefully supervised by the Inspectors; the immunity from accidents during the year cannot but make this apparent when the tortuous nature of the line, its proximity to the Bay, and all surrounding circumstances are considered.

In connection with the existing railways in Southland, an export shed is in course of erection at Invercargill, a contract having been let for that purpose about two months ago. The total length of the building is 200 feet, and width 50. The accommodation consists of two side platforms, each 20 feet in width, with a line of rails between. Sliding gates at sides of building are provided, in order to afford the requisite facilities for loading and discharging by the aid of exterior side lines. It is anticipated that the works will be completed within one month. The cost of the shed is borne equally by the General and Provincial Governments.

LIGHT RAILWAYS.

Awamoko.—The earthworks, bridges, and culverts of this line will be completed in the course of the next two months. Before the expiration of this period, contracts will be prepared for the supply of ballast and laying of permanent way. Already 50 per cent. of the rails and fixings have arrived and are now under contract for removal to Pukeuri Point, the commencement of the line.

Green Island Branch Railway.—A contract was let for this work about the beginning January last, for the construction complete, ready for the permanent way materials. The total length is 2½ miles. The works are in an advanced state, and will probably be completed within the contract time, viz. 5th July next. Instead of adopting the light rails originally intended for this line, it is proposed now to lay down the ordinary weight of rail for the main line, viz. 40 lbs. per yard, so that the branch can be wrought by the Clutha railway stock.

New Railways.—Contracts have been lately entered into for the construction of lines up the Waiareka Valley, and in the Western District of Southland. The accepted tender amounts are as follows:—

Waiareka	...	...	...	...	£45,000	19	0
Orepuki	...	...	...	...	28,397	0	0
Otautau	...	...	...	...	37,104	0	0
Wallacetown	...	...	...	...	32,080	8	0

These amounts are for the entire works, including the supply and laying of the permanent way. Eighteen months is the time fixed for completion in each case.

GENERAL REMARKS.

As regards the works absolutely necessary for the completion of improvements already commenced, and of works projected upon the various roads, bridges, and other works, I would strongly recommend the Government to make the provision shewn on estimates, as they have been compiled with a view to economy, consistent with the legitimate requirements of the several districts.

In conclusion, I may state that the department has had more than ordinary difficulties to contend with in preparing the necessary drawings, embracing those for the light railways, and in initiating and supervising the works for which contracts have been entered into during the year; moreover, taking into con-

sideration the fact that the ordinary staff of the department undertook and completed the surveys of the light railways, and in all probability will participate in their supervision in addition to the usual work entailed by their respective duties. I trust that the Government will favorably consider the increase recommended in the estimates furnished.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. L. SIMPSON,

Provincial Engineer.

STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO DURING THE YEAR.

No. of Contract.	Contractor.	Amount.			Description of Works.	Name of Road, or Locality of Work.	Remarks.
		£	s.	d.			
723	Graham & Kennard	334	2	6	Stone and timber bridge	Waikouaiti to Palmerston	Completed.
724	Beale & Croad	299	6	6	Road formation	Macetown to Big Hill	Do.
725	Thos. Jones	4600	0	0	Stone bridge	Palmerston to Oamaru	Half completed.
727	Matheson Bros.	1413	5	0	Pitching and gravelling	Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	Completed.
729	T. Watt & Co.	255	0	0	Road construction	Tokomairiro to Coast	Do.
730	Do.	228	10	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
732	Geo. Cruickshank	1239	18	0	Stone bridge	Palmerston to Oamaru	Completed.
734	G. Proudfoot	7231	15	0	Railway	Awamoko	Half completed.
736	T. A. Potts	545	0	0	Gravelling	Wallacetown to Riverton	In progress.
737	Do.	232	19	9	Fencing and gravelling	Paddock-street, Riverton	Completed.
740	T. M'Kenzie	2166	0	0	Reclamation	Queen-street, Dunedin.	Nearly completed.
741	Wm. Milsom	2345	0	0	Do.	Bell Hill	In progress.
743	G. Henderson	40	0	0	Repairing track	Dunedin to Blueskin	Completed.
744	G. Howell	446	18	0	Road formation	Riverton to Otautau	Do.
745	G. F. Reid	337	10	0	Reclamation	Rattray-street Jetty	Do.
746	J. Hobcraft	58	13	0	Do.	Removal of building	Do.
747	G. Proudfoot	1566	18	6	Wharf extension	Rattray-street	Nearly completed.
748	W. Evans	33	17	6	Removal of toll	Dunedin to Waikouaiti	Completed.
749	J. Stevens	144	0	0	Road formation	Dunedin to Blueskin	Do.
750	Jas. Hastie	52	10	0	Mettalling	Industrial School	Do.
752	Geo. Dowse	286	0	0	Do.	Clinton to Waipahi	In progress.
753	T. Pollock	916	13	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
754	Do.	187	8	6	Do.	Clinton to Mataura	Do.
755	W. Milligan	411	6	4	Do.	Glenomaru to Catlin's R.	Completed.
756	Whitefield and Miller	346	11	11	Road construction	South Trunk to Molyneux	Do.
757	D. Whittet	548	15	0	Gaol	Lawrence	Do.
758	T. Dow	137	14	0	Fencing	Blueskin	Do.
759	A. F. Dawson	885	0	0	Wharf	Riverton	In progress.
760	T. Reid	260	12	7	Tomoparaka bridge	Wallacetown to Riverton	Nearly completed.
761	T. M'Bride	174	10	0	Bridge	Hayes Creek	Completed.
762	W. Morton	279	4	0	Road construction	South Trunk to Molyneux	Do.
763	G. Whitefield	354	19	0	Do.	Do.	In progress.
766	T. Motion	234	15	0	Do.	Clinton to Waipahi	Nearly completed.
767	D. and T. M'Rae	879	15	0	Pitching and gravelling	Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	Completed.
768	M. Hay	288	0	0	Gravelling	Lawrence to Bluespur	Do.
769	Borland & Co.	247	10	0	Do.	Tuapeka to Teviot	In progress.
770	R. Ayling	980	0	0	Pitching and gravelling	Do.	Do.
772	T. Robertson	63	0	0	Fencing	Dunedin to East Taieri	Do.
773	Churnside & M'Niel	1013	2	0	Road construction	Clutha to Mataura	Nearly completed.
775	T. B. Blair	1128	9	6	Road construction	Do.	In progress.
776	W. Morton	485	18	0	Do.	South Trunk to Molyneux	Completed.
777	Forest & Hislop	393	7	0	Culverts	Anderson's Bay	Do.
778	T. G. Proctor	224	10	0	Road construction	Dunedin and Port Chalmers Beach Road	Do.
779	G. Calder	228	17	6	Do.	Do.	Do.
780	T. G. Proctor	349	5	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
781	G. Calder	413	10	0	Do.	Do.	In progress.
782	Moses M'Lay	608	14	0	Do.	South Trunk to Molyneux	Nearly completed.
783	Jas. Taylor	96	6	0	Re-planking bridge	Gentle Annie	Completed.
784	A. and G. Ford	715	0	0	Metal	Pine Hill Road	Do.
785	T. Templeton	2198	17	0	Road construction	Palmerston to Eweburn	Nearly completed.
787	W. Meade	900	0	0	Do.	Palmerston to Oamaru	Completed.

STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO DURING THE YEAR.—Continued.

No. of Contract.	Contractor.	Amount.			Description of Works.	Name of Road.	Remarks.
		£	s.	d.			
788	A. Nicol	145	0	0	Schoolhouse	Anderson's Bay	Completed.
789	T. Holland	256	15	0	Road construction	Port Chalmers to Blueskin	Nearly completed.
790	T. Kerr	540	0	0	Metal	North Trunk to Moeraki	Completed.
791	Calder & Cumming	322	0	0	Gravelling	Wallacetown to Riverton	Do.
792	Calder & Cupples	286	0	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
793	T. R. Stuck	157	11	3	Do.	Do.	Do.
794	T. Crombie	1411	11	0	Do.	Riverton to Otautau	Do.
795	A. M'Menamin	189	0	0	Do.	Winton to Benmore	Do.
796	H. Craven	80	18	9	Do.	Invercargill to Winton	Do.
797	A. M'Menamin	598	0	0	Do.	Dacre to Menzies Ferry	Do.
798	F. Ford	752	17	0	Do.	Wallacetown to Riverton	In progress.
799	T. Kevenay	977	9	4	Road construction	Winton to Kingston	Do.
800	T. Crombie	196	0	0	Do.	Waikivi to Mataura	Do.
801	D. Hunter	297	0	0	Do.	Dacre to Invercargill	Completed.
803	A. Cruickshank	528	10	10	Do.	Waikivi to Mataura	In progress.
804	G. Brown	497	0	0	Gravelling	Mataura Bridge to Invercargill	Do.
805	D. Sianott	1012	10	0	Metalling	Palmerston to Oamaru	Do.
806	Do.	1647	18	4	Do.	Oamaru to Waitaki	Nearly completed.
807	A. Paterson	420	0	0	Do.	Palmerston to Oamaru	Do.
809	D. Sinnott	356	5	0	Do.	Do.	In progress.
810	T. Deans	48	2	6	Reclamation	Rattray-street Jetty	Completed.
811	Perreain and Gains	957	0	0	Pitching and gravelling	Cromwell to Queenstown	Do.
813	P. Martin	450	0	0	Metal	Palmerston to Oamaru	In progress.
814	T. Madden	275	0	0	Road construction	Shag Valley to Macraes	Completed.
815	G. Mackie	450	0	0	Do.	Palmerston to Oamaru	Do.
816	Do.	280	0	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
817	T. Latham	675	0	0	Metal	Waikouaiti to Palmerston	In progress.
818	Peter Gunn	2216	4	0	Gold's shed	Invercargill	Do.
819	John Prosser	215	5	6	Goldie's bridge	Palmerston to Oamaru	Do.
820	John Prosser	748	8	7	Douglas bridge	Do.	Do.
822	John Kinder	1750	0	0	Metalling	Tokomairiro to Clutha	Do.
824	D. M'Intyre	187	10	0	Gravelling	Waipahi to Tapanui	Completed.
825	Nelson & Hewitson	728	18	1	Road construction	Southern Trunk to Hogg's Bridge	In progress.
826	D. M'Intyre	400	0	0	Gravelling	Waipahi to Tapanui	Do.
827	Frank Kirby	232	10	0	Road formation	Fitzgeralds to Dalhousie	Do.
829	Matheson Bros.	5739	15	7	Branch railway	Branch Line to Green Island Coalpits	Do.
830	Andrew M'Menamin	528	0	0	Gravelling	Mataura Bridge to Invercargill	Completed.
831	Daniel Caffield	395	0	0	Do.	Do.	In progress.
832	Andrew M'Menamin	200	0	0	Do.	Do.	Completed.
833	D. Hunter	280	0	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
834	D. Hunter	240	0	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
835	J. A. Ross	500	0	0	Forming and gravelling	Armstrong's Crossing to Forest Hill.	Do.
836	Wm. Halliday & Co.	1170	0	0	Gravelling	Mataura Bridge to Invercargill	In progress.
837	John Crombie	1032	0	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
838	To be carried out by piece work or day labor				Do.	Riverton to Wallacetown	Do.
839	Geo. Howell	462	0	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
840	D. W. Philip	553	14	6	Road construction	Palmerston to Eweburn	Do.
841	Biggar & Co.	440	2	0	Do.	Shag Valley to Macraes	Completed.
842	R. Reid	242	10	6	Waimatuku bridge	Invercargill to Riverton	Nearly completed.
843	W. Allan	660	0	0	Road formation	Anderson's Bay Heads	In progress.
844	R. Bauchop	155	10	0	Jetty	Quarantine Island	Do.
845	D. Gardiner	1192	10	0	Harbour improvements	Waikouaiti	In progress.
846	R. Craig	109	10	0	Gravelling	Havelock to Waitahuna	Completed.
847	Ray & M'Kenzie	459	11	0	Do.	S. Trunk to Kaitangata	In progress.
848	D. Kirby	250	1	9	Metalling	Taieri Mouth to Otakia	Do.
849	P. Wright	133	17	6	Road formation	Glenomaru to Catlin's R.	Do.
850	T. D. Aitkin	1138	10	0	Do.	Mataura Bridge to Toitois	Do.
851	Enoch Jones	201	0	0	Forming and gravelling	Do.	Do.
852	T. Pollock	1312	11	8	Do.	Clutha to Mataura	Do.
853	Paget & Co.	146	5	0	Formation	Alexandra to Teviot	Completed.
854	T. M'Deritt	434	15	0	Forming and gravelling	Dunstan to Cromwell	In progress.
854A	T. Drummy	492	10	0	Do.	Do.	Do.
855	E. M'Nulty	260	14	0	Do.	Do.	Nearly completed.
856	T. D. Aitkin	560	0	0	Gravelling	Mataura Bridge to Toitois	In progress.
857	P. Wright	135	2	6	Road construction	Owake to Catlin's River	Do.

STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO DURING THE YEAR.—Continued.

No. of Contract.	Contractor.	Amount.	Description of Works.	Name of Road.	Remarks.
858	Nelson & Hewitson	£ 219 s. 3 d. 4	Road construction	Tuakitoto to Lake Kaitangata	In progress
859	Do.	217 8 8	Do.	Do.	Do.
860	Do.	448 19 7	Do.	Do.	Do.
861	Barker & Co.	137 10 0	Do.	Dunstan to Cromwell	Do.
862	T. Muir	130 0 0	Do.	Wangaloa to Tokomairiro	Do.
863	D. Kirby	136 17 4	Do.	Main Road to Kuri Bush	Nearly completed.
864	T. Watt	213 18 0	Do.	Wangaloa to Tokomairiro	In progress.
865	Ewing & Grace	309 12 0	Police station	Dunedin	Completed.
866	Ayling & Featherston	345 0 0	Road construction	Teviot to Alexandra	In progress.
867	Paget & Co.	337 10 0	Do.	Do.	Do.
868	Do.	281 5 0	Do.	Do.	Do.
869	G. Proudfoot	4198 17 10	Reclamation	Port Chalmers	Do.
870	J. Steven	393 4 3	Road construction	Ocean Beach Road	Do.
872	H. McLean	160 0 0	Gravelling	Mataura Bridge to Toitois	Do.
874	R. Cramond	182 0 0	Do.	S. Trunk to Kaitangata	Do.
875	R. Tubman	116 13 4	Do.	Tuapeka to Teviot	Completed.
876	A. Cameron	257 3 0	Road construction	Main Road to Kuri Bush	In progress.
881	Green & King	210 0 0	Do.	Dunedin to Blueskin	Do.
907	G. Murray	468 0 0	Do.	Tuapeka to Teviot	Do.
908	P. Wright	564 5 0	Do.	Finegand to Pt. Molyneux	Do.
935	Bradbury & Barker	97 10 0	Do.	Arthur's Point to Arrow	Do.
936	J. B. Blair	3836 9 8	Bridge	Greytown	Do.
708	A. F. Dawson	4400 0 0	Do.	Riverton	Do.
672	Wm. Moffett	698 9 10	Do.	Makerewa	Completed.

DETAILED REPORTS BY DISTRICT ENGINEERS.

REPORT ON THE VARIOUS ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MARCH 31, 1874.

Dunedin to East Taieri Bridge.—Road in fair order, having been maintained by contract during the year. A quantity of maintenance metal is being prepared by the surface contractors for use during the ensuing winter, and the most dangerous portions fenced between Otokaia and the Bridge.

East Taieri Bridge to Tokomairiro.—Road in good order, having been maintained by contract during the year. A quantity of maintenance metal is being prepared for winter use.

Tokomairiro to Clutha.—Two contracts have been completed for the metalling of 64½ lineal chains of road, which completes the metalling of road between Dunedin and Balclutha, and has been satisfactorily maintained by contract. A quantity of maintenance metal is being prepared.

Clutha to Mataura.—Road in passable order at present. Four contracts are in progress for the construction and metalling of 165 lineal chains of road, and a few men employed in general surfacing and repairs. The works most urgently required now are the metalling of the worst parts of the road between Balclutha and Clinton, the widening and improvement of Popotuna Gorge, and the bridging of the streams between Clinton and Mataura Bridge.

Tokomairiro to Tuapeka.—Road in fair order. Four contracts have been completed for the pitching and gravelling of 331 lineal chains of road; also, one for the metalling of 5 miles of the road between Toll-gate and Murray's Bridge, which will complete the metalling of the road throughout. The works now most urgently required are the improvement of the road up the Manuka Creek, and the supply of maintenance gravel.

Tuapeka to Teviot.—Road in passable order at present, a number of men having been employed in general surfacing and repairs, and improving the road generally. Five contracts are in progress for the construction and gravelling of 300 lineal chains of road. There are still about 16 miles of very bad road requiring pitching and gravelling, which is scarcely passable during the winter months.

Southern Trunk to Molyneux.—Road in passable order. Two men have been employed in surfacing and repairs where required. Five contracts are in progress for the construction and metalling of 180 lineal chains of road. The metalling of the remainder, and the repairs of bridge, are the works most urgently required; also the construction of a new bridge over the Oamaru Stream.

Tuapeka to Switzers.—Two men were employed a short time in general surfacing and repairs.

Southern Trunk to Hogg's Bridge.—Road in passable order at present. Two contracts are in progress for the construction and metalling of 90 lineal chains of road. The metalling of the other portion is urgently required.

Southern Trunk to Kaitangata.—Road passable at present, but will not be in that state long if the teamsters are allowed to load as they are now doing. Two contracts are in progress for the gravelling of 160 lineal chains of road. The new works required are the cutting of the bluff near Balclutha (the material being required for the metalling of the swamp portions of road), and the gravelling of the other portions, which are urgently required, on account of the great increase of traffic.

Main Road to Toi Tois.—Road in passable order. A number of men have been employed in general surfacing and repairs. Four contracts are in progress for the formation and gravelling of 427 lineal chains of road. The new works most urgently required now are the formation and metalling of portions between Wyndham and the Toi Tois, including construction of portions near Richardson's.

Clinton to Waipahi.—Road in passable order at present, a number of men have been employed in general surfacing and repairs. Three contracts are in progress for the construction of about 152 lineal chains of road. The new works required are the formation and metalling of the remainder which is urgently required.

Waipahi to Tapanui.—Road in passable order at present. A number of men have been employed in improving road generally. One contract has been completed for the gravelling of 100 lineal chains of road; also one for the bridging of the Pomahaka River at upper end of Gorge. The new works recommended are the formation of the road up the Gorge from Waipahi Bridge; until that is done the bridge will be of very little service to the public. A sum is stated in the Estimates sufficient to complete the works.

Tapanui to Moea Flat.—Road in passable order. Two men were employed a short time in general surfacing and repairs.

Waipahi to Pyramids.—Road in fair order. A few men were employed in general repairs. The new works recommended are the formation of approaches to the Pyramid Bridge, and improvement of road generally.

Glenomaru to Catlin's River.—One man was employed a short time in general surfacing and repairs. One contract has been completed for the metalling of 63 chains of road, and two are in progress for the formation of about 150 lineal chains of road; a considerable distance still requires metalling.

Round Hill to Waitahuna to Havelock.—Road in fair order. One man was employed in general surfacing and repairs. One contract has been completed for the gravelling of about 60 chains of the road.

Lawrence to Wetherstones.—Road in fair order. One man was employed a short time in general surfacing and repairs.

Lawrence to Blue Spur.—Road in fair order. A number of men were employed improving the road generally. One contract has been completed for the gravelling of the worst portion of the road. In new works, a bridge and approaches are very much required over the Wetherstones Creek, also the raising of a portion of the road.

Main Road to Kuri Bush.—Three contracts have been completed for the construction of three bridges and approaches. There are two in progress for the formation of about 40 chains of road.

Lawrence to Dalhousie.—There is one contract in progress for the construction of 28 chains of road. The formation of the other portion is urgently required.

Wangaloa to Tokomairiro.—One contract has been completed for the construction of 56 chains of road. There are two in progress for the construction of the worst portions.

Tuakitoto to Lake Kaitangata.—Three contracts are in progress for the construction of about 280 chains of road.

Pyramid Bridge.—Nearly completed.

Menzies Ferry Bridge.—Completed.

Murray's Flat Creek Bridge.—Completed.

Port Molyneux Jetty.—In a very unsafe state. Repairs urgently required.

WILLIAM SMAILL,

District Engineer.

February 7, 1874.

REPORT ON WORKS IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT FOR 1873-4.

Provincial Engineer's Department,

April 9, 1874.

The Provincial Engineer.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following Report upon the works in the Northern District, for the year ending March 31st, 1874:—

MAIN ROADS.

Dunedin to Palmerston.—There have been a great number of improvements effected upon this road which were principally carried out by contract. These improvements include the widening, fencing, and metalling of the road, likewise the erection of several small bridges, besides a new bridge over the northern branch of the Pleasant River.

That portion of the road between Dunedin and Blueskin is in a very fair condition; while the remaining portion between Blueskin and Palmerston is slightly broken up in parts, but will be in a very fair condition for the winter traffic, a sufficient supply of metal having been provided. A new bridge is greatly needed over the Waikouaiti River, a sum for which has been placed upon the Estimates.

Palmerston to Oamaru.—In addition to the ordinary maintenance of the road by day labor, there have been a number of contracts prepared, and tenders accepted, for various works along the road. These works principally include the metalling and gravelling of the worst portions of the road. There is still, however, a portion lying between Otepopo and Kakanui which greatly requires to be metalled, and which, when completed, will make the road from Palmerston to Oamaru a very good road for all weathers.

Tenders were accepted for the erection of four bridges on this road, which are as follows:—Bridge over Goldie's Creek, in progress; bridge over Douglas' Creek, in progress; bridge over Otepopo River, in progress; bridge over Island Stream, completed. Sums are placed upon the Estimates for bridging the Kakanui River, and likewise for a new structure over the Waireka Creek. These works are of the utmost necessity.

Oamaru to Waitaki.—Portion of this road—viz., Oamaru to Pukeuri Point—is in a very good state, and after the maintenance metal is spread upon the road (for which a contract is accepted), it will be in excellent condition for the winter traffic. From Pukeuri Point to Waitaki, the road is maintained by day labor.

Saddle Hill to West Taieri Bridge.—The metalled portion of this road is in a fair condition. A contract is accepted for the supply of maintenance metal, which metal, when placed upon the road, will maintain it until the following year.

A sum is placed upon the Estimates for repairing the small bridges along the road, which are more or less broken down.

West Taieri Bridge to Rough Ridge.—This road is maintained by day labor, and is now in a fair state of repair. A great improvement could be effected in that portion leading down to the Wharri Creek by cutting a siding. The present track is positively dangerous; and, should this work be carried out, it will be of infinite benefit to all travelling upon the road. Tenders are called for the erection of a bridge over the Lee Stream, and a sum placed on the Estimates for the bridging of the Deep Stream, a work of the greatest necessity.

Palmerston to Manuherikia.—This road, which may be termed a very fair summer road, has undergone a very great deal of improvement within the last twelve months. Tenders have been accepted for the cutting of new roads at Waihemo and Coal Creeks, of which the latter, when completed, will, no doubt increase the traffic to a considerable extent. There has likewise been a great deal of labour expended in pitching and gravelling a portion of the new road at Hound Burn Hill. A sum is placed upon the Estimates for completing this work.

There are still several steep pinches existing, which can be avoided by cutting sidings, and at a trifling expenditure; these I intend to carry out by day labour.

Pukeuri Point to Kurow.—Numerous portions of this road between Pukeuri Point and Awamoko River are liable to be cut up with one or two days' rain; and in fact in such a way as to render it impassable for heavy traffic. When the railway (which at present is being constructed) is in working order, the greater portion of the heavy traffic will be withdrawn from the road. So that it will not be advisable to expend a great sum upon new works. The amount shown on the Estimates is for day labour maintenance.

MAIN BRANCH ROADS.

Northern Trunk to Port Chalmers.—Maintenance metal has been provided for this road, which is in a fair condition, and a new small bridge has been erected on the site of an old one.

Northern Trunk to Moeraki.—Road in a passable condition. A contract has been prepared and accepted for the supply of metal. A further amount, however, is required to make the road really fit to bear the heavy traffic which at present exists. The ordinary day labour surfacing is maintained upon this road.

Dunedin to North Taieri.—This road is in a very fair condition at present, and sufficient metal has been provided to maintain it during the winter season. There is a very steep pinch at present existing between the Kaikorai Stream and the Half Way Bush, which can be greatly reduced by the formation of a small cutting and embankment. A sum is placed upon the Estimates for this work which, if completed, will be of very great benefit to the people living in the locality. A small bridge has been erected over the Kaikorai, which provides ample waterway for all floods, drainage, &c.

Dunedin to Portobello.—Owing to the small amount of metal which has been placed upon this road for the last two or three years, the crust has been completely broken through. A sum, however, is provided for securing the proper amount for the ensuing year. The road is partly maintained by day labour, and partly by surface contracts.

Kyeburn Crossing to Eden Creek, via Naseby.—A sum is placed upon the Estimates for effectively maintaining this road as previously maintained.

Lee Stream to Waipori.—This road has undergone a thorough repair throughout its entire length, and is now in a very good condition. There is a gang of men at present cutting a siding round the base of a very steep pinch, in order to avoid ascending and descending the same, which, when completed, will be a very great improvement. The amount included in the Estimates will complete this siding.

MISCELLANEOUS ROADS AND TRACKS.

Pine Hill Road.—A number of men have been employed surfacing, and likewise metal has been provided to make the road in a fit state to receive the great traffic which continually passes over it. The road is maintained by surface contract.

Port Chalmers to Blueskin.—The road is now opened up for dray traffic, with the exception of a few chains which may be formed at a small expenditure. This road, however, passes principally through bush land, and is almost entirely excluded from the sun rays, in addition to which it receives a great amount of moisture from the surrounding bush. It would be most advisable to get this road metalled, or otherwise it will be altogether useless for the lightest traffic, after the slightest shower of rain.

Dunedin to Blueskin (via Water of Leith).—Contracts have been let for the formation of road, one which has been completed. A sum is included in the estimates for completing the work.

Anderson's Bay to Heads.—The road is at present being formed by contract.

Pukeuri Point to Waitaki Lower Ferry.—The road has undergone considerable repairs this last year, but still requires a further expenditure.

Main Road to Waikouaiti Harbour.—This road, if constructed, will be of invaluable service to the settlers in the Waikouaiti District, as it will do away with all delays occasioned by the waiting for the

rise and fall of tides. The sum placed upon the Estimates, if not altogether sufficient, will form the greater portion of the road.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

GEO. S. DUNCAN,

District Engineer.

REPORT ON WORKS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Invercargill, 7th April, 1874.

To D. L. Simpson, Esq.,
Provincial Engineer,
Dunedin.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report on the several works in this district during the past year, and to forward estimates for the ensuing year.

Mataura Bridge to Invercargill.—The works on this road have been chiefly confined to that portion between Dacre and Invercargill, from the 1st to the 14th mile-posts, and consist in

Metalling two miles

Gravelling four miles

Forming and gravelling two miles, and the supply of gravel for repairs over three miles.

These works were undertaken in 12 separate contracts, some of which have been completed, while others are in course of being finished. The very heavy state of the road between Woodlands and Invercargill up to the month of December would not admit of these works being taken in hand as early as it was desirable they should have been. Now that the road has been relieved of the heavy traffic it has been so long subjected to from the meat works at Woodlands, these improvements will be found to be of great future benefit. The maintenance of these works, as well as the carrying out of others in the vicinity of Dacre, and between that place and the Mataura, are provided for in the Estimates for the ensuing year.

Invercargill to Winton.—With the exception of the gravelling of eight chains near the Railway Station at Winton, attention has been chiefly directed to repairs. The road, as far as Wallacetown, is in good repair, but it will be necessary to take in hand at once the macadamizing of 60 chains between Invercargill and the Waihopai, which, from its proximity to the town, and the constant and increasing traffic, is much worn. A sum is placed on the Estimates to cover the cost of this work, as well as to gravel the approaches to the new bridge over the Makarewa, the renewal of several small bridges and culverts between Wallacetown and Winton, and for maintenance.

Winton to Kingston.—New works during the past year consist of forming and gravelling 36 chains at Benmore, forming and gravelling 88 chains at the Fern Hills, and the forming and gravelling of 61 chains at the Paiheriwao Creek, near Athol. The several old formations between the Elbow and Athol, extending over a distance of 25 miles, and which had not received attention for many years, have also undergone repairs of a permanent character. Gravel has been supplied in depots over a distance of four miles between Winton and Benmore for the repair of the worst portions of the old gravelled road, while general maintenance has been attended to.

The construction of the Winton and Kingston Railway will necessitate the abandonment of the track hitherto in use between Benmore and Skipton (which, in avoiding swamps and broken ground, crossed and recrossed the present railway line in several places) and the early adoption of the surveyed line of road; to effect this, formations are required at several places over a distance of four miles. The sum placed on the Estimates also provides for the formation of 30 chains of road at Kingston at a proper gradient. The present track traverses a steep hill side, and has become so worn as to be dangerous, and the cause of much complaint. The formation and gravelling of 27 chains at Benmore, and the renewal of three small bridges north of Winton, which are in an advanced stage of decay and unsafe. A sum is also placed on the Estimates for the due maintenance of the several new works lately undertaken, and for the road gravelling.

Invercargill to Campbelltown.—The necessary repairs on this road have been attended to.

Invercargill to Riverton.—Two contracts for forming and gravelling have been carried out on this road, viz., 43 chains between the Ocean Beach and Riverton, and 25 chains at the Waikivi. Three miles have been repaired with coarse screened gravel, and a light coat of metal given to 15 chains in proximity to the North Road. A sum is asked for maintenance, and for the approaches to the Waimatuku bridge, now being erected.

Riverton to Wallacetown.—Six separate contracts for forming and gravelling have been entered into during the past year on this road—five within a distance of 4 miles from Riverton, and representing 220 chains of forming and gravelling, and one near Wallacetown, being 58 chains, in connection with the new timber pile bridge over the Tomoporaka Stream. Several small culverts, for the better drainage of the road, have been inserted, with the erection of a small bridge over the Harrier Creek. The clearing of 5 miles of this road has also been effected, making a material improvement on the unformed portions of the road, by the removal of obstructions to traffic, as well as by opening the track to the admission of sun and wind. I have entered in the Estimates a sum for the forming of, and gravelling, the worst portions of the 9 miles of road which still remain unformed, west of the Waianiwa, as well as for the efficient maintenance of the new works completed

Riverton to Otautau.—The forming and gravelling of 109 chains, in continuation of the old gravelled road north of the Upper Aparima bridge, have been completed, thus securing a good road between Riverton and Gummy's Bush. A sum is placed on the Estimates for the further extension of the road in the direction of Groper's Bush.

Waikivi to Mataura.—This road, which extends over a distance of miles, was only classed and brought under Government supervision as a main road from the commencement of the past year. The worst and impassable portions have been formed, drained, and gravelled—viz., 33 chains over a swamp known as Finlayson's, and 16 chains near Dacre, together with a small bridge and several culverts. An additional 15 chains is now being formed and gravelled, and the road line cleared for a distance of 8 miles. Further formations, &c., are urgently needed over low situations, and between fences, which I have provided for in the Estimates. This road opens communication between the Invercargill and Winton road, at a point 5 miles from the former and the Invercargill and Mataura road at Dacre, travelling the Mabel district.

Mataura Bridge to Switzers.—No expenditure has been incurred during the past year, but no time will be lost in prosecuting the works most needed. Material for road making being easily obtainable, and the climate favorable, induced me to postpone improvements in the locality of Switzers for more urgent works elsewhere. The formation of a road, or of such portions requiring formation, between the bridge lately erected at the Pyramids and Switzers, as well as improvements between the Longford and this bridge, together with more urgent road works in the immediate vicinity of Switzers, are provided for in the Estimates.

Otautau to Elbow.—The necessary repairs on this road have been effected. Small bridges at the Hamilton Burn, and at Flaxy Creek, are much needed in aid of the traffic on this road.

Elbow to Te Anau.—A contract for the formation of 28 chains of road round a rocky bluff 10 miles from the Elbow has been completed. This has since been gravelled from end to end. In the vicinity of Burwood, that portion of the road round the Big Hill, for a distance of 2 miles, has been widened and re-formed, and additional culverts inserted for the better drainage of the road. The gravelling of the same, in part, is now being proceeded with; but owing to a naturally bad foundation, and underground springs, it will be necessary to continue still further the gravelling over the flats, and in the side cuttings. The placing of this 2 miles of road in good condition for traffic is much to be desired, since the remaining distance is naturally good, the track sound and gravelly.

Winton to Wrey's Bush.—Since the date of my last Report, this road has been opened, the contract for the embanking, gravelling, and drainage of thirty sections, extending over 14 miles, having been completed. The gravelling of 40 chains at the Winton end, through river scrub, has been found necessary, and is in course of completion. Attention should be paid to the proper maintenance of the several formations. A sum is entered in the Estimates for this purpose, as well as to carry out any further minor improvements.

To render this road really useful, safe, and available for traffic at all seasons, it would be necessary to construct two bridges; one over the Oreti, two miles north-west from Winton, and one over the Jacob's River at Wrey's Bush; in the absence of such, communication is often cut off. This applies more particularly to the Oreti, which, being more confined to its bed between high banks, is often unfordable for days together.

Lake Road to Nokomai.—The various formations consisting of block cuttings at proper gradients to the several river fords, side cuttings and gravelling, necessary to the opening up of this road, have been carried out by day labour. Thirty chains from the Lake Road require gravelling; the greater portion of this distance passes over ground formerly under cultivation, and which will cut up with traffic.

Otautau to Waiau Plains.—The repairs required on this road have been undertaken.

Dacre to Menzies Ferry.—Seventy-seven chains in three sections have been formed and gravelled which embraced the worst portions. Further gravelling and forming west of Edendale is urgently required over a distance of two miles. The west side approaches to the new bridge at Menzies Ferry require to be at once put in hand, in order that the latter may be thrown open for traffic. This road is much used by teamsters and others proceeding to the Matura and Switzers, instead of the old main road which, though shorter in distance, is unusually heavy, and traverses for some distance hilly and broken ground.

Armstrong's Crossing to Forest Hill.—A contract for the embanking and gravelling of eight section of this road is now in course of completion. This will open up the road for a distance of three miles from the Railway Crossing, and will prove a boon to those settlers located in the neighbourhood who make use of it.

BRIDGES.

Lower Jacob's River Bridge.—This bridge is being proceeded with under the present contractor; the former contractors having failed to carry out their agreement. The piles of the last pier are now being driven, and as the necessary timber is now forthcoming, no time should be lost in the further prosecution of this work.

Upper Jacob's River Bridge.—New hand-railing, painting, and new wings have been executed. The bridge is now in a sound and satisfactory state.

Upper New River.—This bridge has been thoroughly scraped, and has received three coats of paint. The planking is in a state of decay, and requires renewal. A sum is asked for this purpose.

Makarewa Bridge.—The contract for this new bridge has been satisfactorily completed: the timber being all black pine and totara.

Tomoporaka Bridge.—This new bridge is being proceeded with; the beams are being placed in position.

Waimatuku Bridge.—This new work has been commenced, and will be carried on without loss of time.

Lower Waikiwi Bridge.—Old structure replanked, which was found necessary for traffic. The piles and beams are in an advanced state of decay, and a new bridge is now necessary. A sum is entered for this purpose in the estimates.

Waihopai Bridge.—New bridge completed and open for traffic, shortly after the date of my last report.

Otautau Bridge.—In good repair.

Winton Creek Bridge.—It will be necessary to erect a new bridge here, the present one being quite decayed and unsafe. A sum is given in the estimates for this purpose.

I have also included in the estimates the sums necessary for the erection of two bridges over the Hedgehope and the Titipua Streams, already reported on. The bridging of these would prove a great boon to those who are located in that part of the country, and would contribute materially to opening it up for future settlement.

JETTIES.

Bluff Wharf.—The extension westward for a length of 200 feet has been completed, giving additional accommodation to vessels on either side, north and south. Repairs to the old wharf have also been carried out, the old beams and planking having been replaced over the entire length and breadth—313 feet by 35 feet. New fender piles and beams replace the old ones, which were quite decayed. It was originally intended only to replank the old wharf, but on stripping for this purpose, the beams were discovered to be quite rotten. The necessity for replacing them has very considerably augmented the original proposed cost of the repairs. Repairs to the wharf approach have also been completed, the whole length having received new beams and planking with new fender beams, extending over a space of 224 feet by 22 feet. The work done is of a substantial and durable character, the piles being all of totara, and the beams and planking of black pine and torara.

Riverton Jetty.—A contract has been accepted for this work recently, to be constructed in connection with the Lower Jacob's River Bridge.

Invercargill Goods Shed.—This work is now being rapidly pushed forward; some delay having been experienced by the framework having been blown down during a heavy squall on the morning of the 20th ultimo; the heavy trusses being exposed laterally to the full violence of the wind.

LIGHT RAILWAYS.

Riverton to Otautau, &c.—The survey of the deviation from the line formerly surveyed, extending over $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles, was carried out in January last; as also the survey of the line connecting the Riverton and Otautau line, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Riverton, with the Invercargill and Winton Railway, north of the Makarewa Bridge, extending over a distance of 12 miles.

I have, &c.,

W. A. BEWS, District Engineer.

REPORT ON WORKS IN THE INTERIOR DISTRICT FOR 1873-4.

Dunedin, 9th April, 1874.

The Provincial Engineer.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following Report of the state of roads and works in general in the Interior District for the year ending March 31, 1874.

Dunstan to Cromwell.—A number of improvements have been effected on this road, including widening, forming, gravelling, etc. There are also several contracts in hand, which will be finished by the end of April, for gravelling about two miles.

There is still much required, however, to put the road in a passable condition, as, with the exception of some small contracts, nothing has been done since its original formation. There are many parts of the road so narrow that it is impossible for two conveyances to pass each other, the result of which has been several accidents. There are also a number of places which will require a coating of gravel, as in winter they become so cut up as to render the road almost impassable.

Cromwell to Queenstown.—I am sorry to inform you that this road is in a very bad state, especially that portion between Cromwell and Edwards' Ferry, as, with the exception of one contract for gravelling 120 chains between the Gentle Annie and Edwards, nothing in the way of improvement has been accomplished, on account of a want of funds. Several very extensive slips have taken place, two of which had the effect of stopping communication between Cromwell and Queenstown for a time, and there is still a very bad place between Cromwell and the Roaring Meg which requires constant attention, as, after any rainfall, it slips considerably. The slip extends for a quarter of a mile up the hill, and along the road for a distance of 10 chains. One new bridge has been erected over Hayes' Creek, and the underplanking of the Gentle Annie Bridge has been renewed. It is highly requisite that the planking of the Roaring Meg Bridge should be renewed, and that the Gentle Annie Bridge should receive an upper coat of planking.

Cromwell to Wanaka.—The traffic on this road being slight, except in the wool season, it never gets into a very bad condition, and the only works required are such as may be performed by a few surfacemen.

Teviot to Alexandra.—During the past year a great boon has been conferred on travellers on this road by constructing a new approach to the ferry at Alexandra; and several contracts are at present in hand for constructing a further portion of two miles and a half in the vicinity of Alexandra, which will not only materially shorten the road, but will give much easier gradients. The recent floods have done much injury in a number of places which require attention; and as this is becoming a favorite route for waggoners and travellers to and from Dunedin, it is requisite, in order to keep it passable, that several very bad places should be pitched and gravelled. O'Brien's Hill, Potter's Gully, and the Teviot Flat are places calling for special notice.

Manuherikia River to Dunstan.—A deviation has been made at Tiger Hill of about 40 chains, which is the only improvement of any consequence effected during the year. It is highly desirable that about one mile of road near Mr. Worth's place should be pitched and gravelled, as it is so bad in winter that waggons are often delayed for days. Two new bridges will be required here—one a foot bridge over the Manuherikia at Blacks, as, in the event of rain, the river rises so rapidly that communication is often suspended; the other over Chatto Creek, at McDonald's, as the ford is very bad and the bed of the stream is constantly shifting.

Kurow to Wanaka.—This road is in a very fair state. An amount has been placed on the Estimates for surfacing.

Arthurs Point to Arrow.—Several contracts for forming and gravelling have been completed, and there is another in operation, which will make a material difference on this road. It is urgently required that about three miles of formation be proceeded with at once, as the Arthur's Point Bridge will be finished in about three months, and without an improvement on the present road the bridge would be of little use to the district.

Arrow to Morven Ferry and Hayes Lake.—Surfacemen have been employed improving this road during the past year. An amount has been placed on the Estimates for sundry repairs and surfacemen.

Queenstown to Arthurs Point.—In very fair condition, with exception of 20 chains near Arthur's Point Bridge, which requires gravelling.

Becks to Tinkers and Drybread.—A sum of £50 voted last year has been expended by Tinkers Improvement Committee in much needed repairs, and there is still great room for improvement.

Cromwell to Quartz Reef Point.—This track has been formed last year as far as Dead Man's Point, but there is still a distance of 40 chains to be constructed. Several large slips have occurred during late heavy rains, and I am of opinion that a recurrence of the like will result at intervals.

Cromwell to Bendigo.—Road in pretty fair state, requiring a surfaceman or so to keep it in repair.

Cromwell to Carricktown.—Great improvements have been effected here by widening the road, and taking away several of the steeper pinches, but there are still many places urgently requiring attention.

Cromwell to Nevis.—This road has been considerably improved by surfacemen, but there is still a distance of fifteen miles in very bad condition, and indeed, the steady prosperity and growing importance of the Nevis necessitates that this, the only passable dray track, should receive some little attention.

Clyde to Nevis, and Nevis to Upper Nevis.—The latter of these tracks was constructed last year. Sums have been placed on the Estimates for repairs to each of them.

Cromwell to Cardrona, via Kirtleburn.—Three sections of this track have been completed, but the fourth and worst is still to make. A sum has been placed on the Estimates for that purpose.

Alberttown to Cardrona, and Arrow to Cardrona.—Both these tracks are in very fair condition. The traffic between Arrows town and Cardrona is considerable, necessitating a surfaceman to be constantly employed on the track.

Morven Ferry to Arthur's Point.—There is at present a gang of men constructing this road, which when completed, will be of considerable service to settlers in that quarter.

Approaches to Arthur's Point Bridge.—These will have to be proceeded with at an early date.

Arthur's Point to Moke Creek, Moke Creek to Upper Moonlight, Queenstown to Head of Lake Wakatipu.—These three tracks are in fair condition. The Moke Creek Improvement Committee are effecting a number of improvements in their neighborhood.

Head of Lake Wakatipu to Martin's Bay.—An extension has been made of this track during the past year, at the upper end; but as the work was in charge of Mr Beetham, and entirely out of the hands of your department, I am unable to supply even approximately the length of new track formed, or the number of improvements effected.

1. *Queenstown to Maori Point and Skippers.*
2. *Skippers to Branches.*
3. *Queenstown to Kingston, over Devil's Staircase.*
4. *Arrows town Roads.*
5. *Arrow to 12-Mile.*

Quite a number of improvements have been effected on these roads and tracks. Sums have been placed on the Estimates for further extending the first three, and for maintenance of the last two.

Arrow River Valley Track.—This useful track has been completed, much to the credit of contractors. It is of immense service to residents in the valley of the Arrow. A sum will be required for surfacing and general improvements.

1. *Macetown to Shotover Branches.*
2. *Main Road, Macetown.*
3. *Maori Point to Millers Flat.*
4. *Upper Shotover Tracks.*

These tracks and roads have all been improved to extent of vote. The sums mentioned in the Estimates are required for maintenance and further improvements

West side Lake Wanaka, Albertown to Makarora.—Both of these tracks have received attention during the year, but they are still much in need of improvement and extension.

Pack Track to Gill's Creek, Macetown to Big Hill.—These tracks have been formed during past year. A further vote will be required for their maintenance.

FOOT BRIDGES.

8-Mile to Macetown.—These bridges are in course of erection. An amount has been placed on the Estimates to defray their cost.

BRIDGES.

Cromwell Bridge.—During the past year, repairs have been made to this bridge to the extent of vote. I am sorry to say that this bridge is still sinking; and I found one of the uprights between the upper and under girders completely broken through by excessive pressure. Both the upper and under planking of the roadway requires to be renewed, and altogether the entire structure requires to be overhauled. Something must be done to prevent any further deflection.

Gentle Annie Bridge.—I have alluded to the requirements of this work in my report on Cromwell and Queenstown roads.

Lower Shotover Bridge.—This structure requires a new roadway, and a number of minor repairs.

Upper Shotover Bridge.—This work requires immediate attention. Timber has been procured for repairs, and the amount placed on the Estimates is for labor.

Roaring Meg Bridge.—Requirements stated in remarks on Cromwell and Queenstown roads.

I have the honor, &c.,

THOMAS FERGUS,

District Engineer.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WORKS.

Provincial Engineer's Department,
17th April, 1874.

To the Provincial Engineer.

SIR.—I have the honor to report for your information the result of the works under my charge since my services were transferred to your department.

Buildings.—The Provincial Buildings, High Schools, and Police Station have received the repairs and additions, with furnishings, by carpenters, painters, gasfitters, &c., that such large buildings being so fully occupied necessarily require. They require no special remark, beyond pointing out the necessity for opening up the vacant space or area below street floor of Provincial Buildings—which have been fitted up originally to floor level with rubbish. This large vacant space once cleared, and ventilated by thro' passages, and lighted wherever practicable, would afford space for storage and other uses, which the ever arising new wants of increasing establishments demand.

One of the old Immigrants' Barracks that stood in Princes-street, has been removed to reclaimed land abutting Castle-street, and is doing good service in containing odds and ends of olden times.

Pitt-street Contract.—This work is in steady progress by John M'Kenzie, contractor, and is fully three-fourths completed. The wet winter and ominous drizzling weather in spring retarded commencement, but for which, the work would, ere this, have been completed. It may be here proper once for all, to record the causes and uses that originated the undertaking of this work by the Government. It was as a "means to an end." There was a well-founded and loud and large public outcry against the obnoxious stenches that arose from certain sections of land that had been sold long ago, which were situated on the line and both sides of Castle-street, near Stuart-street, but under and between high and low water mark, the filth and foul debris from water channels of the city lay in quantity here. The Government of the day undertook to form this street and raise the area to a height beyond tidal influences on certain condition—The City Council and inhabitants undertaking to contribute a moiety of the cost, and the Government having good appliances undertook the task. The gaol authorities were applied to with a view of getting the work done by a prison gang, but this proved ineffectual, doubtless from well assigned reasons. The work, therefore, had to be done by free labor. To have taken the material from Bell Hill would have put a stop entirely to the reclamation of the harbor; and besides, to have applied this valuable sea filling material to so ordinary a purpose as the Castle-street filling, would in the end have proved both an unwise and losing policy. Hence the means used in filling Castle-street by Pitt-street excavations gained an end by allowing the harbor reclaimed sections to be proceeded with by the levelling of Bell Hill. The Pitt and Queen-street excavations will open up to the citizens there, easy access which was formerly an arduous task. The great and manifest benefits already most apparent on the filling up already referred to, will doubtless redound to the credit of the Government and City Council, through whose action this important work was initiated and carried on. It may be proper at this stage to note the excellent and economical use the application of temporary wagons and railways are in the removal of large lots of material have proved in this work, their superiority over other appliances, both in the direct saving of money as well as in the tear and wear to streets. Accidents have been *nil*, shewing that both old and young (though this railway traverses three-fourths of a mile) adapt themselves to circumstances.

William Milson's Contract.—This work is the reduction and removal of Mrs. Muir's section on Bell Hill, by the formation of Dowling-street, and reclamation of sections for industrial occupation, abutting on the tidal canal, now in progress of construction in the Harbor. This work is done in fulfilment of agreement with former Government. The work has been retarded from an unexpected quarter, but it is hoped that the manifest benefits that will arise to every one having property contiguous to those sections, will, instead of obstructing, give every facility to the leveling and removal of useless material that stands in the way of useful occupation.

Extension of Rattray-street Jetty.—This contract is proceeding towards completion, and is three-fourths completed. It is under contract to David Proudfoot. The commencement was long delayed from want of suitable beam and pile timber. This delay, though productive of inconvenience, has resulted in a lasting benefit to the Province by getting a structure of a lasting and substantial character, much in advance of what it would have been had the timber been colonial, which the contractor had it in his power to use. This work, when ready for public use, will supply a much felt want, and cannot fail in giving additional facilities to a fast-increasing Provincial and Northern shipping trade.

Beach Road to Port Chalmers.—This work was divided into four contracts, extends in all over four miles, three of which are completed, and the remaining one will be within a month. It is formed in the meantime to a width of 16 feet, and will be partially metalled, and this in the most needful parts.

This hitherto secluded locality and unapproachable, by road, outlet, cannot fail to be much frequented by all manner of travellers when the road is extended northwards to Sawyer's Bay, and will doubtless be preferred to the more hilly road between Dunedin and Port Chalmers.

Hillside to Ocean Beach.—This contract is the Southernmost half-mile of this outlet from Dunedin, is under contract to James Steven. It consists of formation and metalling. From the soft nature of the natural surface, a layer of firm and solid material is put on and covered by broken metal. The work will be completed by the middle of May. This rapidly advancing Suburb will be greatly benefited by the completion of this road. By the combined efforts of Government and Caversham Road Board, both settler and citizens will be greatly pleased at the ease exchange visits that will doubtless be much taken advantage of.

Erection of Ten Double Cottages.—These are being erected at Kensington under contract to David Kerr. They contain four rooms each, having two brick fire-places, and may, in a strait, be made to hold 40 families. They will be all completed within two months. They are built on land belonging to Government, and are intended for new arrivals as a sample dwelling to induce others to do likewise. The entire erection will be within £2,250.

Summary and Cost of these Works.—Done by day labour where practicable. Small jobs are let by tender.

	£	s.	d.
Removal of Barracks	72	0	0
Pitt Street and Castle Street Contract	2166	0	0
Mr. Muir's Section, Bell Hill	2536	0	0
Extension of Rattray Street	1566	18	6
Beach Road to Port Chalmers	1212	11	7
Hillside to Ocean Beach... ..	393	4	7
Cottages at Kensington	2250	0	0
Total sum under Contract	£10196	14	8

The following matters, to which I would respectfully call your attention, might, in the public interest, be taken up and dealt with, connected as they are with the works now under supervision by myself, and would, if wholly or partially adopted, require to be provided for in the ensuing financial year.

Gaol Workshops.—There will be a surplus quantity of earth arising after Castle-street has been formed. The adjacent ground on the east, when made high enough to stem the tidal influence, point out an admirable site for the gaol workshops. Their present site, on the reclaimed ground on South Castle-street, is most unsuitable. The Port Chalmers Railway having to be crossed so many times during a day, in all the various traffic necessarily going on between the gaol and these shops, point to another more favorably situated site as most desirable. None of these inconveniences apply to this proposed site. A metalled street, and within two hundred yards of the gaol, render this one all that can be desired, and will be on land the property of the Government.

Bell Hill.—The remaining rock earth on Bell Hill, behind Dr. Hocken's house, other than that portion under contract to William Milsom, contains 25,000 cubic yards. This work appears well-fitted to be undertaken by the prison gang, under Sergeant Outram, so soon as the extension of South Cumberland-street is finished, which will be within two months. If this recommendation is agreed to, a service road for the waggon would require to be provided, and a commencement at once made.

Tidal Canal, &c.—The prolongation of the canal eastwards, by depositing on each side rock earth, so as to provide for public works and mercantile sites, should be steadily proceeded with, both to supply funds from their sale and effect settlement. This would be more speedily done by a constant and large supply of Ocean Beach sand being tipped simultaneously, and mixed with the rock earth. The rock earth, costing 2s 8d per yard, while the Ocean Beach sand would be within 8d, makes it a matter of the first importance that arrangements be made to have this work commenced and gone on with. The Government have the command of rails to join the Clutha line at Kensington with the vast accumulations of sand at the Ocean Beach would, if prosecuted somewhat in the manner pointed out, lessen the cost of reclamation by three-fourths, if one yard of rock were tipped to four of sand.

The quantity of rock to remove from all points on Bell Hill is nearly 50,000 cubic yards. This quantity, mixed with 200,000 of Ocean Beach sand, would give a surface of 20 acres, at 9ft. deep, which, at the point named, would cost £13,332. Land would at least fetch £2,500 an acre, shewing a surplus on the operation of the sale of 20 acres amounting to £36,680, after paying all costs, barring the rails, sleepers, and engine to move the Ocean Beach sand. It is therefore simply a matter of acquiring the last three items, and the work could be commenced forthwith. Under these conclusions, it is a prodigal waste to tip rock without sand. The sand alone would not rest, and prove false and yielding.

The same arguments equally apply to the Gas Swamp, but being in conversant with levels and other data, and not being in my beat, I forbear further allusion to this part requiring reclamation.

Rock-drilling by steam power.—Two years past I unsuccessfully applied to have one of these for drilling. Whether for prison or free labor the saving is a desirable one. Their use and economy is beyond a doubt. I trust, if you agree with my views, you will be successful in obtaining one from Britain.

Commending these views to your careful scrutiny, I know of nothing else calling for reference by

ALEXANDER CAIBNS,

Inspector of Works.

REPORT ON SOUTHLAND [OTAGO] RAILWAYS FOR 1873-4.

Railway Office,

Invercargill, April 11, 1874.

The Secretary for Works, Dunedin.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith annual statement of revenue, receipts, and abstracts of expenditure of the Southland [Otago] Railways for the year ending March 31, 1874.

The number of passengers carried during the year was 26,791, as against 16,138 carried during the year ending March 31, 1873, showing an increase of 10,653 passengers for the year. The number of tons of goods carried during the year was 34,861, as against 27,099 carried during the previous year, showing an increase of 7,762 tons for the year.

The total receipts for the year amount to £13,101 4s. 7d., as against £9480 1s. 2d., showing an increase of £3621 3s. 5d. for the year.

The expenditure amounts to £10,511 8s. 1d., as against £8,959 18s. 1d., showing an increase of £1,551 10s. over the preceding year.

The above expenditure includes the sum of £1,337 13s. 9d. incurred in the building of additional wagon stock.

I have the honour, &c.,

W. M. CONYERS, General Manager.

EXPENDITURE, YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1874.

ABSTRACT A.—MAINTENANCE ON WAY AND WORKS.

Miles Maintained, 36.

	£	s.	d.	Per mile maintained.
				£
Proportion of charge for Superintendence	133	6	8	3.704
Wages to Platelayers and Repairers	2298	0	1	63.834
New Sleepers	320	10	6	8.904
Station Buildings and Workshops	442	5	3	12.285
Sawn Timber, Tools, &c., &c.	165	13	0	4.600
	<u>£3359</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>93.327</u>

ABSTRACT B.—LOCOMOTIVE POWER.

Repairs of Carriages and Wagons.—Total miles run, 41,352.

	£	s.	d.	Per Train Mile.
				d.
Proportion of charge for Superintendence	133	6	8	0.774
Wages to Enginemen, Firemen, Fitters, Smith, &c.	1545	9	7	8.970
Coal	830	2	0	4.818
Oil, Tallow, Waste, and Material	445	0	8	2.582
Painting Goods Wagons and Carriages	121	7	6	0.704
Additional Wagon Stock	1337	13	9	7.764
	<u>£4413</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>25.612</u>

ABSTRACT C.—TRAFFIC CHARGES.

	£	s.	d.	Per Train Mile.
Proportion of charge for superintendence	...	...	...	d. 0.774
Salaries to Station Masters and Clerks	...	...	...	4.306
Wages to Guards and Porters	...	...	...	9.451
Books, Tickets, Stationery, &c.	...	...	...	0.751
Carriage of Mails between Post Office and Railway	...	...	...	0.612
New Tarpaulins	...	...	...
	<u>£2738</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15.894</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES PER TRAIN MILE.

A. —Maintenance of Way and Works	...	...	...	d. 19.500
B. —Locomotive Power &c.	...	...	...	25.612
C. —Traffic Charges	...	...	...	15.894
				<u>61.006=5s. 1d. per mile.</u>
Total miles run	...	...	...	41,352
Coal consumed	...	...	...	9,180 cwts.
Coal consumed per mile	...	...	...	24.86 lbs.
Time of engines running	...	...	...	2,507 hrs. 25 min.
Do. under steam	...	...	...	5,983 hrs. 30 min.
Average speed per hour, including stoppages	...	...	...	16.49 miles.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURE, year ending March 31, 1874.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	
To Maintenance of Way and Works, as per Abstract A	3359	15	6	By Receipts from 26791 passengers	4196	8	6	
To Working of Engines, Repairs of Carriages and Wagons, as per Abstract B	4413	0	2	Ditto 34861 tons Goods	8757	18	8	
To Traffic Charges, as per Abstract C	2738	12	5	Ditto Bluff Jetty Dues	44	6	6	
				Ditto Sundry Accounts	99	18	11	
				Ditto Storage	...	2	12	0
Profit on Working	10511	8	1					
	2589	16	6					
	<u>£13101</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£13101</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	

WM. CONYERS, General Manager.

Report on the Condition of the Way and Works of the Southland Railways.

(Laid on the Table by the Secretary for Gold Fields and Works, April 29, 1874.)

Railway Office, Dunedin,

March 28, 1874.

HORACE BASTINGS, Esq.,

Secretary for Works, Otago.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report on the condition of the Way and Works of the Southland Railways, as follows:—

The Bluff Harbour and Invercargill Railway has been well maintained during the year, and is in fair working order; 2282 sleepers have been replaced, against 2996 in 1872-3.

The embankments crossing the bays of the Bluff Harbour have been carefully attended to during the year; 904 cubic yards of stone have been deposited on the harbour side to replace the timber facings originally used there.

The Bridges are in good repair; three new box culverts have been constructed and put in.

The Invercargill Passenger Station will require painting during the ensuing year; the Bluff Passenger Station has recently been repaired and painted.

The Bluff wharf should be immediately extended, for although a considerable addition was made during the past year, it is still inadequate to meet the demands of the shipping. I would impress upon the Government the necessity for immediately adding 300 feet to the wharf, and of providing ample shed accommodation contiguous to the shipping. These works should be completed before the ensuing wool season.

The roadway and works of the Oreti Railway have all been well maintained during the year; 207 sleepers have been replaced, and the line is in good order.

It will be necessary to repair the bridges over the Waikiwi and Makarewa Streams during the ensuing year.

Station accommodation both for goods and passengers is much wanted at Winton; the sum of £1200 is asked for this purpose.

The Woodlands section of the Mataura Railway—11¼ miles—was opened for public traffic on Tuesday, the 17th February. This is the first portion of the narrow gauge system opened in the Southland district. The working has, so far, proved satisfactory, and the traffic will be considerable, a branch line having been laid to connect the New Zealand Meat Preserving Company's Works with the main line.

ROLLING STOCK.

No. 1 engine was sent upon the road in September last, after having been thoroughly repaired.

No. 2 engine was placed upon the road in November, after having the boiler tested, and having been thoroughly repaired.

No. 3 engine was sent out in June last, after having been overhauled, and having the wheels fitted with new steel tires.

The passenger carriages have been well maintained, and are in excellent order.

The goods wagons have been carefully attended to, and all necessary repairs executed. Thirteen new goods wagons, and one guard's van, have been built during the past year. There are in stock fittings for eight more wagons, which are being built as quickly as possible.

The increasing traffic on the Bluff and Winton line renders it a matter of absolute necessity that new rolling stock should be immediately ordered, or the line will next year be very inadequate to meet the demands that will be made upon it. I drew the attention of the Government to this subject in my letter of the 24th October last, and am not aware that any action has been taken in the matter. In connection with this, and before ordering the new rolling stock, it should be decided whether the present 4ft. 6in. gauge is to be retained, or whether the gauge of the line is to be reduced to 3ft. 6in. I have already recommended the latter course in my letter above quoted, and have only now to impress upon the Government the urgent necessity of giving this subject its very early consideration.

The line has been conducted during the year with regularity, and without accident.

The employes have conducted themselves well; and it is due to their efficient assistance, and especially that of Mr. Arthur, the Station Master at Invercargill (upon whom has devolved the principle control during my absence in Dunedin), that I am enabled to report so satisfactorily of the line.

I have, &c.,

WM. CONYERS,
General Manager. Southland Railways.

Report on the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, for 1873-4.

Passengers Department.—This department of the service, I am glad to be able to report, has, considering the limited appliances in the shape of carriage accommodation, been carried on satisfactorily.

The officers and servants have performed their several and sometimes most trying duties, particularly in holiday seasons, in a most satisfactory manner. And it is pleasing to be able to report that notwithstanding the many thousands conveyed during the year, not a single passenger has in any way been injured. This, in the face of the very limited passenger platform accommodation on the line, is worthy of remark.

And I am also glad to report that the traffic has of late been steadily increasing: last month having reached the large sum of £916 19s. 3d. for passengers alone; and which amount is exclusive of those having passes, such as the Customs Department, Magistrate and Police Departments, and also the Gaol officers and prisoners.

Goods Department.—This department of the service I cannot report so favourably upon. Dissatisfaction has been expressed by consignees as to its working. The complaints have been confusion in the sheds, inability to obtain their goods when applied for, &c., &c. This I explain, in the first place by a difficulty that presents itself here of obtaining men thoroughly conversant with Railway Goods Shed work, either in the way of clerks or goods porters. Many have been tried, and found lamentably deficient. Another, and a greater cause, is the limited shed accommodation. Another is the supineness of merchants in passing their entries and clearing their goods for delivery. Also, the want of more rolling-stock in the way of trucks; which, when two or three home ships and one or two steamers are discharging at the pier, working from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., necessitates that the trucks be unloaded immediately on arrival at Dunedin. This, until recently, could only be done by piling the goods one on the other, and hence the confusion complained of, rendering it impossible for those in charge to classify the goods, and present them in a proper shape for delivery. This has also prevented the Department from putting into force the by-law, as to time goods can be allowed to lie at the Terminus.

Pier Accommodation.—This is at present totally inadequate to the growing requirements of the Port. The Pier, 800 feet, will only berth three ships of the class now trading here on each side. Out of this, two berths have to be retained for the Melbourne and coasting steamers—a very lucrative branch of the traffic both in goods and passengers. This, as a consequence, limits and cripples the up-goods traffic, and I have grave doubts that when the new wharf, 1000 feet long, is finished, it will be found insufficient to meet the growing trade of the Province. It is evident from the experiment before alluded to, that if pier accommodation is provided, vessels will prefer loading alongside to the stream, and that when the branch lines under formation are completed, and become feeders to the present one, that another pier of longer dimensions to the present will be found necessary. Should this be constructed, and sufficient sheds at both ends of the line provided, I see no reason why the line, with say about one quarter of a mile of loop line about half way constructed should not be capable of performing the whole of the import and export trade of the Province.

I would respectfully recommend that when the wool season ceases, that a reduction in the tariff be made to enable the line to successfully compete with water carriage, say to four shillings per ton, the rate charged by the lighters. This, I think, would have the advantage of keeping the line well employed during the slack months. Should the Government not approve of this course, I would recommend that an arrangement be come to on the basis of an offer made to me recently by Messrs. Guthrie, the lighter agents, and which, I believe, would be to the mutual advantage of both railway and lighters, viz., to charge an uniform rate of five shillings per ton. The railway and lighters to have ship and ship about, each taking the whole of the cargo of such vessel.

The want of a private telegraph on the line has been much felt, and as the instruments, wire, and all appliances are in possession of the Government, I would strongly recommend the laying down of the same, which I believe could be accomplished for a very small outlay.

DANIEL ROLFE,

Manager.

EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1874.

Abstract A.—Maintenance of Way and Works. Miles maintained 8.

New Works, Salaries, &c....	£2,841	15	5
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Abstract B.—Locomotive power, including Salaries, Repairs, Coal, Oil,

Waste, &c., &c.	£3,589	10	0
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Abstract C.—Traffic Charges: Salaries, Labour, Furniture, Stationery,

Ironmongery, &c. Also Lighterage of Wool	£7,193	10	8
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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURE, YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1874.

DR.			£	s.	d.	CR.			£	s.	d.
Receipts from 84,786 Passengers	...		7992	1	8	Maintenance of Way and Works,			2841	15	5
" 8,988 Sunday ditto	...		1123	10	0	as per Abstract A	...				
" Fares at the Roadside	}		94	16	1	Working of Engines, Repairs, Salaries,			7193	10	8
" Stations						&c., as per Abstract B	...				
" Conveyance of Goods	}		11,967	6	2	Traffic Charges, Salaries, Labour, &c.			3589	10	0
" 53,188 tons						as per Abstract C	...				
" Rents of Refreshment	}		376	2	8				13,624	16	1
" Rooms						Profit on working	...			7929	0	6
			<u>£21,553</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>				<u>£21,553</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>

DANIEL ROLFE, General Manager,
Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway.

REPORT on the SURVEY DEPARTMENT for the YEAR 1873-4.

Survey Office, Dunedin,

29th April, 1874.

THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

In accordance with the request contained in your Circular No. 80, of the 5th March, I have the honor to report on the work done by the Survey Department during the year ending 31st March, 1874.

From the return appended, it will be seen that a topographical survey of 15,910 acres has been made; 216,733 acres have been divided into sections for sale as rural land; and 671 Town allotments have been laid off.

There has been no trigonometrical survey this year, the press of sectional work not leaving any of the surveyors free to engage on it.

In the Head and District Survey Offices, the draughtsmen have been engaged with the reduction and copying of plans, and with the preparation of Crown Grants, Mining, Agricultural, and Pastoral Leases.

The requirements of the District Land Offices, and the increase of business throughout the Province, has added considerably to the work of the Survey Offices in more plans, returns, and other information being necessary than heretofore.

The Photo-Lithographic Branch of the department, under the able management of Mr. M'Coll, has been equal to the demands made upon it from this and other public offices.

For the ensuing year, the Sectional Surveys will still claim chief attention, as there are nearly 100,000 acres of work on hand. This is principally in the Southland Land District, being the balance of the rush of applications made before the price was raised over the free selection area, and the applications in the Hundreds on the east side of the Mataura.

In the Southland District, there are five survey parties at work, who have now the work well in hand, and will soon reduce the arrears. The increased price over a part of Southland will also check fresh applications, and the open country in the Mataura Hundreds is nearly all selected.

It may be noted here that, with the exception of the land in Southland just referred to, and the Traquair Hundred, there is no extent of land in Otago now open for selection on immediate payment.

As the control of the Department has been changed during the year, it may be well to state the position of the survey of the Province. The astronomical and standard data were established some years ago, under the direction of Mr Thomson, for all the country east of the Great Western mountains.

Including that done in Southland, under Mr Baker, about 7,000,000 acres have been triangulated, and rather more than 2,000,000 acres divided into sections and sold.

There remain considerable areas still awaiting trigonometrical survey, and about 8,000,000 acres still to undergo sectional survey. From the mountainous nature of much of this country, the sections will necessarily be large, and will, of course, proportionately occupy less time in surveying than the area of 2,000,000 acres already sub-divided. There is, nevertheless, ample work for the present staff of surveyors and draughtsmen for many years to come.

The field staff is rather undermanned at present; but in the field and offices there are 8 cadets in training, and two others to join, so that the deficiency is in a fair way of being made up.

I have the honor, &c.,

JAMES M'KERROW,

Chief Surveyor.

Return of Work executed by the Survey Department during the Year ending 31st March, 1874

SURVEYS EXECUTED UNDER THE SYSTEM OF FEES.

Surveyor.	Topographical Survey.	Sectional Survey.		Town Survey.	Remarks.
		No.	Acres.		
C. W. Adams, Lawrence	15,910	23	1,036	86	Mr Spence furnished topographical details, and prepared plans and descriptions of runs in the Wakatip Depasturing District
John Spence, Queenstown		24	860	7	
David Barron, Naseby ...		38	7,262	184	Mr. Shanks has about 2,000 acres in North Harbor and Blueskin District nearly completed
A. R. Mackay, Clyde ...	71	5,584			
C. B. Shanks, Dunedin N.	12	3,480			
J. A. Connell, Dunedin S.		8	343	85	
A. Prentice, Balclutha ...	17	8,202			
Henry Connell, Oamaru...	14	8,792			
G. F. Richardson, Hokonui and Oteramika		64	46,304	228	13,147 acres of this done by Mr. Hately University Reserve
John Strauchon, Maitara		1	10,000		
J. D. McArthur, Eyre and Invercargill		85	29,203		Town sections surveyed by Mr. Maben, and pt. of Sec. Survey
J. D. McArthur, Eyre and Invercargill		48	35,958		5,236 acres surveyed by Mr. J. Hay, and 2,550 acres by Mr. G. Hately
John Hay, Aparima ...		4	2,100	81	Sawmill Reserve, necessitating bush cutting
Total under Fees ...	15,910	409	159,124	671	

Under inspection of Mr. Baker.

SURVEYS EXECUTED UNDER CONTRACT.

C. W. Adams ...		75	6,296	Glenkenich Waipahee and Tuapeka (3,613 acres, by Mr. Shanks) Highlay Waikaka Lee Stream Benger
N. Prentice ...		223	21,613	
J. A. Connell ...		50	2,500	
Thomas Maben ...		26	5,000	
David Grant ...		130	20,000	
C. B. Shanks ...		22	2,200	
Total under Contract		526	57,609	
Total Work ...	15,910	935	216,733	671

REPORT BY COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS, DUNEDIN, for 1873-4.

Crown Lands Department, Dunedin, 8th April, 1874.

The Provincial Secretary.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular No. 80, of the 5th March, and in reply beg to forward to you estimates of the expenditure, and report on the state of the Department.

The proposed salaries I have set down at rates which, under present circumstances, would be equitable, and under which it would not be safe to reduce them. I have proposed a larger increase to the Salesman than to others, as he has much greater responsibilities on him than appears to those not acquainted with the internal economy of the Department; much comes on him that does not appear.

Return marked A shews that the sales for the 12 months ending 31st March last have been 166,333 acres 1 rood and 13 poles, realizing £163,158 12s. 7d., the amount of £111 only having been paid by scrip.

Return marked B shews that the town section sales have amounted to 777 acres, realizing £8,219 1s. 3d., £30 of which were paid in scrip.

Return marked C shews that the auction sales have amounted to £30,887 9s. 1d.

Return marked D gives the area held under pastoral lease at 6,405,018 acres, and under license 20,000 acres; total, 6,425,018 acres.

Return marked E gives the classification of the lands of the Province, exclusive of Southland, and shows how they are held or disposed of.

Return marked F shows the amount of land now sold, amounting to 1,251,477 acres of rural and pastoral, and 4,771 acres 3 roods and 28 poles of town. The total revenue received since 1854 being £1,782,104 14s. 7d.

I have the honor, &c.,

J. T. THOMSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

A.—Return of the Sale of Rural Land in the Province of Otago, exclusive of Southland, from April 1st, 1873, to 31st March, 1874.

	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Land sold within Hundred	121,646	2	35	115,431	19	5
Do. outside do.	44,688	2	18	47,726	13	2
	166,335	1	13	163,158	12	7

Acreage in the above return paid by scrip, 130a Or. 16p., £111.

B.—Return of the Sale of Town Land in the Province of Otago (exclusive of Southland), from 1st April, 1873, to 31st March, 1874.

No. of Towns.	No. of Sections sold.	Acreage.	Amount Realised.	No. of Sales.
44	1,553	777a. Or. 5p.	£8,219 1s. 3d.	112.

Acreage in the above Return paid by scrip, 1a. 3r. 36p., £30.

C.—Return of Auction Sales of Rural Land in the Province of Otago (exclusive of Southland), from 1st April, 1873, to 31st March, 1874.

	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Land sold upset price, 10s. per acre ...	19,621	2	11	13,189	4	4
Do. special value, and duplicated applications	12,598	1	30	17,698	4	9
	<u>32,220</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>30,887</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>

D.—Return showing the Area of Runs leased under the Otago Waste Land Acts, 1866 and 1872, and of the Runs held under License under the Land Regulations of 1856, to 31st March, 1874.

	No.	Area.
Runs held under Lease ...	205	6,405,018
Do. do. Licence ...	1	20,000
		<u>6,425,018</u>

E.—Return of Lands and their Classes in the Province of Otago, (exclusive of Southland) 31st March, 1874.

CLASS.	ACRES.
Forest ...	1,421,000
Lakes ...	284,800
Barren ...	2,346,240
Agricultural and Pastoral ...	9,308,600
Total Area of Otago (exclusive of Southland) ...	<u>13,360,640</u>

	ACRES.
Area under Pastoral Leases ...	6,405,018
" " License ...	20,000
" Disposed of on deferred payments ...	9,527
" Agricultural Leases ...	92,505
" Coal Mining Leases (No. 41) ...	1,691
" Sold within Hundreds ...	1,247,902
" " Gold Fields ...	86,761
" " previously held under Agricultural Leases ...	14,495
" Unsold within Hundreds ...	192,498
" of Hundreds ...	1,440,400

F.—RETURN showing the acreage of Rural land sold in the Province of Otago (exclusive of Southland) and the amount of Land Revenue received from 1854 to 1872, inclusive, and year ending 31st December, 1873.

Year.	RURAL LAND.				TOWN LAND.				Licensing Fees for Depasturing Stock on Runs.	Assessment on Stock on Runs.	Fees On issue of Pastoral Leases.	Fees on Transfer of Pastoral Leases.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL LAND REVENUE.						
	Acreage.		Amount.		Acreage.		Amount.							£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
	a.	r. p.	£	s. d.	a.	r. p.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.				
1854 to 1872	1,095,340	1 28	1,038,669	12 9	4,075	3 36	113,878	19 8	16,428	4 10	362,792	7 9	2,001	0 0	1,795	0 0	20,303	1 10	1,555,868	6 10
1873	156,136	2 39	146,781	19 11	695	3 32	7,942	18 3	45	4 9	60,048	13 2	44	0 0	57	0 0	11,316	11 8	226,236	7 9
	1,251,477	0 27	1,185,451	12 8	4,771	3 28	121,821	17 11	16,473	9 7	422,841	0 11	2,045	0 0	1,852	0 0	31,619	13 6	1,782,104	14 7

Acreage in the above Return paid by scrip since November, 1868 20,122a. 3r. 8p. = £16,529 14s. 6d.—Cancelled Scrip.

Return of the Sale of Rural Land in the Province of Otago (exclusive of Southland) from 1st April, 1873, to 31st March, 1874.

HUNDRED.	AMOUNT REALISED.	ACREAGE SOLD.
	£ s. d.	a. r. p.
Dunedin ...	2,068 10 6	1,585 3 33
East Taieri ...	603 11 3	635 0 33
West Taieri ...	573 17 9	555 2 17
North Tokomairiro...	3,945 19 3	3,882 0 19
South Tokomairiro ..	620 5 6	877 0 22
Waihola ...	4,844 19 3	5,177 3 34
West Clutha ...	57 2 11	75 1 26
East Clutha ...	1,583 3 5	1,314 1 23
Oamaru ...	655 19 3	210 3 31
Otepopo ...	124 7 6	87 2 31
Mcseraki ...	3,795 5 0	3,696 1 39
Hawksbury ...	2,145 17 9	3,660 1 3
Waikouaiti ...	4,101 6 3	4,143 1 31
Waitahuna ...	1,026 17 6	1,126 3 32
Pomahaka ...	52 16 0	16 2 6
Popotuna ...	1,150 7 6	1,153 2 21
Maruvenua ...	697 7 6	1,217 1 18
Awamoko ...	81 1 3	73 1 24
Kakanui ...	10,697 6 10	14,243 0 35
Catlins ...	1,743 2 6	1,738 2 3
Waikawa ...	...	...
Tuturau ...	11,834 14 1	11,747 2 34
Mokoreta ...	11,166 6 3	11,157 1 19
Toctoes ...	30,786 4 8	30,739 1 38
Waiariki ...	4,559 14 11	5,158 2 6
Traquair ...	7,307 19 0	7,448 3 00
Stuart ...	1,884 10 0	1,525 3 6
Crookston ...	378 17 6	379 0 15
Wairuna ...	6,178 12 0	7,288 0 32
Strath Taieri ...	765 16 4	729 2 4
Districts outside Hundreds ...	115,431 19 5	121,646 2 35
	47,726 13 2	44,688 2 18
	£163,158 12 7	166,335 1 13

Return of Land disposed of on Deferred Payments.

Date Land open.	Name of District in which Land opened.	Area opened.	Area taken up.	Balance.
		a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.
18 Feb., 1873	Toctoes ...	5,000 0 0	3,599 3 30	1,400 0 0
20 Jan., 1873	Waipahee ...	5,000 0 0	2,697 1 22	2,303 0 0
14 Jan., 1874	Glenkenich ...	2,636 0 0	2,119 2 21	517 0 0
17 Feb., 1874	Dart ...	1,483 0 0	820 3 26	662 0 0
20 Feb., 1874	Teviot ...	2,582 0 0	99 3 14	2,482 0 0
9 Mar., 1874	Tigerhill ...	2,500 0 0	190 0 00	2,310 0 0
		19,201 0 0	9,527 2 33.	9,674 0 0
17 Feb., 1874	Lake Hawea ...	1,500 0 0		
20 Apr., 1874	Rock and Pillar, Clyde	2,000 0 0		
20 Apr., 1874	Mataura River (McNab's)	5,000 0 0		
20 Apr., 1874	Macraes (Highlay)	2,500 0 0		
16 Sept., 1873	Tuapeka West	2,500 0 0		
16 Sept., 1873	Tuapeka West	2,400 0 0		
6 Apr., 1874	Tuapeka West	(2,000 0 0)		

} Withdrawn.
This is a portion of the area withdrawn as above noted.

REPORT on the POLICE DEPARTMENT for the YEAR
1873-4.

Police Office, Dunedin,

20th March, 1874.

The Provincial Secretary and Treasurer,
Dunedin.

SIR,—

In compliance with instructions contained in your Circular No. 80, of the 8th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith an approximate estimate of expenditure for the Police Department for the year ending the 31st March, 1875.

This estimate, you may perceive, is in excess of that for the financial year ending on the 31st instant, the cause of the excess being attributable to the necessary increase in the numerical strength of the force in proportion to the increase of the population; hence the contingencies are also increased, but in this instance not alone consequent upon the increase of the numerical strength of the force, but also because the prices of forage, farriery, fuel, horses, &c., &c., are very much higher now than when the former estimate was made out, and these prices, so far as I can perceive, are likely to continue, at least, throughout the ensuing year.

I have very much pleasure in reporting that the police service is in a high state of efficiency. The members of the force exhibit very commendable zeal in the discharge of their duty, which, to a great extent, may account for that good order which is maintained throughout the Province.

In consequence of the increase in the rates of wages paid generally in the Province, I feel it my duty to recommend an increase in the pay of the members of the force, particularly as the present rate of pay of the police is scarcely sufficient to secure the services of first-class men.

In taking the subject of the pay of the police into consideration, I would suggest that provision be made for an allowance to Sergeants and Constables for providing themselves with uniform clothing; and should this suggestion receive favorable consideration, I would urge, for obvious reasons, that such an allowance should form a separate item in the departmental contingencies—*i.e.*, it should not be included in the vote for wages, as hitherto. I therefore venture to recommend that first-class Sergeants be allowed tenpence, second-class Sergeants ninepence, and Constables eightpence per day accordingly.

Having thus recommended an increase in the wages of the Sergeants and Constables in the shape of an allowance for uniform clothing, I feel it also my duty to ask for an increase in the salaries of the other officers of the force, and therefore respectfully recommend that the salaries of all officers above the rank of Sergeant be increased by at least ten per cent.; and even then I beg to point out that the salaries would not be as high as they were prior to the general reductions made in 1871.

I beg to enclose herewith the following returns:—

- 1st. The present strength and distribution of the force.
- 2nd. The proposed strength and distribution of the force.
- 3rd. The police cases for the year ending the 28th ultimo.

I have the honor, &c.,

T. K. WELDON,

Commissioner of Police.

RETURN of the Strength and Distribution of the Force on the 20th March, 1874.

Districts.	Stations.	Commissioner.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Clerks.	Detectives.	Ser-geants.		Con-stables.		Special Constables.	Female Cooks and Searchers.	Totals.	Remarks.
							1st Class.	2nd Class.	1st Class.	2nd Class.				
Dunedin	Maclaggan-street	1		1	2	1	2	2	1	10			20	Supervised by the Commissioner of Police.
"	Great King-street						1	1	2	4			8	
"	Town Belt									1			1	
"	Port Chalmers							1	2	2			5	
"	Anderson's Bay									1			1	
"	West Taieri									1			1	
		1		1	2	1	3	4	7	18			37	
Tokomairiro	Tokomairiro						1		2				3	Supervised by a Sergt. of Police.
"	Balclutha							1		1			2	
"	Taieri Ferry										1		1	
							1	1	2	1	1		6	
Waikouaiti	Waikouaiti						1			1			2	Supervised by a Sergt. of Police,
"	Palmerston								1	1			2	
							1		1	2			4	
Oamaru	Oamaru						1		2	2		1	6	Supervised by a Sergt. of Police.
"	Hampden								1		1		2	
"	Kakanui									1			1	
							1	3	3	1	1		9	
Mount Ida	Naseby			1					1	2			4	Supervised by Sub-Inspector M'Cluskey.
"	St. Bathans								1				1	
"	Macraes								1				1	
				1					3	2			6	
Tuapeka	Lawrence		1				1		1	2		1	6	Supervised by Inspector Thompson.
"	Switzers						1						1	
"	Tapanui								1				1	
"	Waipori								1				1	
"	Waitahuna								1				1	
			1				2	4	2		1		10	
Southland	Invercargill		1					1		4			6	Supervised by Inspector Fox.
"	Riverton								1				1	
"	Campbelltown								1				1	
"	Winton								1				1	
"	Mataura								1				1	
"	Louther								1				1	
"	Woodlands								1				1	
"	Orepuki								1				1	
			1					1	7	4			13	
Dunstan	Clyde		1				1		1	2		1	6	Supervised by Inspector Moore.
"	Alexandra								1				1	
"	Blacks								1				1	
"	Teviot								1				1	
"	Cromwell							1		1			2	
"	Arrowtown							1	1				2	
"	Queenstown							1	2				3	
"	Cardrona								1				1	
			1				1	3	8	3		1	17	
	Grand Total	1	3	2	2	1	9	9	35	35	2	3	102	

T. K. WELDON, Commissioner of Police.

RETURN of the Proposed Strength and Distribution of the Force for the year ending 31st March 1875.

Districts.	Stations.	Commissioner.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Clerk and Accountant.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	Special Constables.	Cooks and Searchers.	Totals.	Remarks.
Dunedin	Maclaggan-street	1	1	1		6	15	1		1	26	Supervised by the Commissioner of Police.
"	King-street					2	7			1	10	
"	Town Belt						1				1	
"	Anderson's Bay						1				1	
"	Caversham						1				1	
"	Port Chalmers					1	4				5	
"	West Taieri						1				1	
		1	1	1		9	30	1		2	45	
Tokomairiro	Tokomairiro					1	2				3	Supervised by a Sergt. of Police.
"	Balclutha					1	1				2	
"	Taieri Ferry						1				1	
						2	4				6	
Waikouaiti	Waikouaiti					1	1				2	Supervised by a Sergt. of Police.
"	Palmerston						1				1	
"	Blueskin						1				1	
						1	3				4	
Oamaru	Oamaru					1	3				4	Supervised by a Sergt. of Police.
"	Hampden						1		1		2	
"	Kakanui						1				1	
						1	5		1		7	
Mount Ida	Naseby		1				2				3	Supervised by a Sub-Inspector of Police.
"	St. Bathans						1				1	
"	Macraes						1				1	
			1				4				5	
Tuapeka	Lawrence	1				1	2				4	Supervised by an Inspector of Police.
"	Switzers					1					1	
"	Tapanui						1				1	
"	Waipori						1				1	
"	Waitahuna						1				1	
		1				2	5				8	
Southland	Invercargill		1			1	4			1	7	Supervised by an Inspector of Police.
"	Riverton						2				2	
"	Campbelltown						1				1	
"	Winton					1					1	
"	Mataura						1				1	
"	Louther						1				1	
"	Woodlands						1				1	
		1				2	10			1	14	
Dunstan	Clyde		1			1	2				4	Supervised by an Inspector of Police.
"	Alexandra						1				1	
"	Blacks						1				1	
"	Teviot					1					1	
"	Cromwell					1	1				2	
"	Arrowtown					1	1				2	
"	Queenstown					1	2				3	
"	Cardrona						1				1	
		1				5	9				15	
	Grand Total	1	3	2	1	22	70	1	1	3	104	

N.B.—District Gaolers not included in this Return.

T. K. WELDON, Comr. of Police.

RETURN of Arrests for the Year ending the 28th day of February, 1874.

Offences.	March		April		May		June		July		Aug.		Sept.		October		Nov.		Dec.		January		February		Totals.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Arson	1																								2
Arson attempted			1																						1
Assault and robbery			6																						6
Assault and robbery attempted			3																						3
Assaults (violent)			3																						10
Assaults (common)		1	2																						48
Assaults on police		4	3																						43
Bestiality																									1
Burglary																									2
Bigamy																									2
Breach of the peace			2																						67
Crown Lands Act, breach of			1																						1
Contempt of court																									7
Child desertion																									4
Cutting and wounding with intent																									1
Cutting and wounding attempted																									4
Damaging property																									1
Damaging police uniform			3																						1
Defrauding creditors			1																						36
Deserting from hired service			1																						5
Disobeying summonses																									1
Discharging fire-arms within harbour																									10
Disorderly conduct			9																						1
Drunkenness			82																						141
Embezzlement																									1087
Embezzling ships' cargoes																									3
Escaping from legal custody																									8
Escaping from legal custody attempted																									1
False pretences (obtaining goods and money by)																									1
False pretences attempted			2																						12
Furious riding																									1
Forgery and uttering			1																						5
Horse-stealing																									2

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RETURN of Arrests for the Year ending the 28th day of February, 1874.—Continued.

Offences.	March		April		May		June		July		August		Sept.		October		Nov.		Dec.		January		February		Totals.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		1519
Horse-stealing attempted ...			1																						1
Habitual drunkenness ...			1		2	1					1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	1	1	20
Illegally on premises ...	2				1	2					2		3		3		1		1		1		3		23
Illegally obtaining passages by ships ...															1		2		1		1				1
Impounding Ordinance, breach of ...								1											1						1
Infanticide ...																			3			1			9
Indecent exposure ...	1										2		1	1											2
Indecent assaults ...															1			1							2
Inciting prisoners to resist ...						1								1											1
Keeping houses of ill-fame ...																									1
Larceny ...	3	1	13		3	1	13	1	6		12		8	1	10	1	7	1	5		15		13		114
Larceny from dwellings ...	5	1	2				3				1		3	1	1		1	1	2	2	2		6	1	31
Larceny from shops ...	2				1						2						1	1	3				3		13
Larceny at wrecks ...																							1		2
Larceny as bailees ...	1								1														1		3
Larceny from and breaking into counting-houses ...				1																					1
Larceny from the person ...				2							1		2		1										6
Larceny from gardens ...																							2		2
Larceny of a child ...																	1	2							1
Lunacy ...	7	2	3	2	8		8	2	4	1	6	1	8	1	7		8	2	11	2	9	1	8	1	102
Licensing Ordinance, breach of ...																									4
Manslaughter ...	2				1						1							1				1	1		7
Maliciously maiming cattle ...													1		2										3
Making false declarations ...																					1				1
Mining without licenses ...	2																								4
Neglected and criminal children ...		2	2		9	2	2			2	2	3	2	2	2				1		4			2	37
Neglecting to pay for the support of children in Industrial School ...	1				3					1				1	1	2									9
Neglecting to support illegitimate children ...				1			1																		2
Obscene language ...	10	4	6	2	2	1	8		5	2	5	2	3	4	7	1	3		5	3	2		1	2	78
Prison Act, breach of ...																	1								1

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REPORT, POLICE DEPARTMENT.

RETURN of Arrests for the Year ending the 28th day of February, 1874.—Continued.

Offences.	March		April		May		June		July		August		Sept.		October		Nov.		Dec.		January		February		Totals.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	2204	
Perjury	2																								3	
Personation at elections																									1	
Railway Bye-laws, breach of	1		2		3		1		3																3	
Resisting the police																									20	
Receiving stolen property																									1	
Rescuing prisoners																									2	
Rescuing prisoners attempted																									2	
Rape	1																								1	
Rape attempted																									2	
Shipping Act, breach of	8		2		3		1		3																1	
Ship desertion																									3	
Slaughter-house Ordinance, breach of																									40	
Suicide attempted																									26	
Threatening language	2		3																						1	
Trespass																									1	
Uttering valueless cheques																									11	
Vagrancy	7	6	4	1	7	4	1	1	3	2	3	4	2	8		2									1	
Wife desertion	1		1		1				1	1															8	
																									2207	
																									Total	

T. K. WELDON,
Commissioner of Police.

Reports by Captain Hutton, Provincial Geologist of Otago.

(Laid on the table by the Secretary for Gold Fields and Works, April 29, 1874.)

1. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE PROVINCE.

Otago Museum,

4th April, 1874.

Horace Bastings, Esq.,
Secretary for Goldfields.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that I commenced a reconnaissance Geological Survey of the Province on the 12th November, 1874. I began on the northern boundary, and by the end of this month I shall have worked down from the Waitaki to the Molyneux River. I also visited the West Coast in the Luna, and learned a great deal about the geology of that district.

Next season, I expect to complete the map from the Molyneux westward, and also to study more closely the auriferous gravels in the interior. When these are done, I shall be in a position to send in a map and report on the geology of the Province.

I have, &c.,

F. W. HUTTON,
Provincial Geologist.

2. OTAGO MUSEUM.

Otago Museum,

4th April, 1874.

Horace Bastings, Esq.,
Secretary for Public Works.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report that I took charge of the Otago Museum in November, 1873. My first care was, with the consent of the Committee, to open the Museum every afternoon of the week (including holidays), and to appoint a Taxidermist. Mr Jennings received the appointment; and the number and beauty of the birds that he has set up since then will speak for his zeal and talent.

During the last five months, the property of the Museum has been largely increased, principally by presents of foreign bird-skins from the Colonial Museum, and from Professor Black; by a valuable gift of moa bones, skin, and feathers from Dr. A. Thomson, of Clyde; and by the large finds of bones of the Moa and other birds in the swamp at Hamilton's, and in the cave near Alexandra.

Unfortunately the want of room to sort our collections of bones, and the temporary nature of our present occupancy, make it undesirable to attempt to set up and exhibit at present any of the larger and more valuable skeletons, as the risk incurred in moving them would be very great. For the same reason, it is undesirable at present to make any large collections in alcohol.

In order to accommodate the rapidly increasing collections, as well as to give the officers connected with the Museum greater facilities for preparing and arranging specimens, I hope that it will be found possible to place the Museum in a permanent building before long.

I have, &c.,

F. W. HUTTON,
Curator.

3. COAL FIELD, PRESERVATION INLET.

Otago Museum,

16th April. 1874.

Horace Bastings, Esq.,

Secretary for Public Works.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that I have visited the Coal Field at Preservation Inlet. I found a three-foot seam of brown coal, favorably situated for working, but dipping at an angle of 25° .

A considerable quantity of coal could easily be got out, but the quality is such as to render working the mine a certain loss. The coal is similar to, and not superior to, that from Tokomairiro and Kaitangata; consequently it will never do for ocean steamers, and quite as good can be got much nearer to Dunedin.

I have, &c.,

F. W. HUTTON,

Provincial Geologist.

4. TOKOMAIRO AND KAITANGATA COAL FIELD.

Otago Museum, Dunedin,

16th April, 1874.

Horace Bastings, Esq.,

Secretary for Public Works,

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that I have just returned from an examination of the Tokomairiro and Kaitangata Coal Field.

I believe this to be the largest coal field in New Zealand. It covers an extent of about 60 square miles—from the north side of the Tokomairiro River to the Molyneux,—and contains several seams of workable coal from 22 to 3 feet in thickness. The total amount of coal in the field is certainly considerably over 1,000,000,000 tons. The coal is the best kind of brown coal, and is quite suitable for all stationary engines, locomotives, &c.

This field can be very easily opened up by making a branch line, some 4 or 5 miles long, from Tokomairiro down the river, and by extending the Kaitangata line another 5 or 6 miles to Coal Point, on Mr. Macfarlane's farm. Neither line presents any difficulties to the Engineer.

I consider it very important for the whole Province that steps should be at once taken to open up this magnificent coal field; for, when these two lines are made, Dunedin will be supplied with coal cheaper than any other city in New Zealand.

Kaitangata alone can never supply the demand, neither can coals from there be landed in Dunedin at so low a price as they could either from Tokomairiro or Coal Point, owing to the great facilities these places have for working them.

I have, &c.,

F. W. HUTTON,

Provincial Geologist.

5. MEMORANDA ON SOME RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF OTAGO AT ITS LAST SESSION.

Otago Museum,

22nd April, 1874.

No. 61. SUPERINTENDENT—COAL FIELDS.

Boring for coal is a most expensive process, and is not likely to lead to any good result, as far as

prospecting for a new coalfield is concerned. Boring is only required for ascertaining the lie of a known or suspected seam previous to opening a mine. But as it has been during the year ascertained that a large coal field exists between the Tokomairiro and Kaitangata, which requires no boring to develop, this resolution may be considered as complied with.

No. 65.—SUPERINTENDENT—DEEP LEADS AND QUARTZ REEFS.

In order to form a well-grounded opinion as to the existence or not of deep leads in different parts of the Province, it is first necessary to examine the physical and geological structure of the whole country, and by that means to ascertain as accurately as possible the nature of the causes that have led to the present distribution of the auriferous and non-auriferous deposits. I have been engaged on this preliminary survey all the summer, but until it is finished, it would be premature to hazard an opinion on the subject. With regard to quartz reefs, I am sorry to have to say that, in my opinion, science can be of very little assistance. Up to the present time, scientific men visit quartz mines to learn, and not to teach; for no satisfactory theory has yet been established as to the origin of metalliferous veins.

No. 68.—SUPERINTENDENT—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

The extent to which this resolution has been carried out will be seen in my progress report.

No. 123.—SUPERINTENDENT—PROSPECTING THE GOLD FIELDS, DEEP LEADS, &c.

I do not think that the Government can well do more to further the prospecting of a country than by opening roads. Neither deep leads nor quartz reefs can be tested in any other way but by working them, and this would be better done by Joint Stock Companies than by the Government.

F. W. HUTTON,

Provincial Geologist.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following are the resolutions referred to in the foregoing memoranda:—

No. 61.—COAL FIELDS.

Resolved—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that immediate efforts be made, by boring, to develop the coal fields of the Province. That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place a sum of money on the Estimates with that object. (July 14, 1873.)

No. 65.—DEEP LEADS AND QUARTZ REEFS.

On motion of Mr de Lautour, resolved—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take such steps as he may think necessary to obtain the services of such competent scientific direction as is in his opinion sufficient to examine and report upon the probable lines of deep leads and quartz reefs throughout the Provincial Goldfields. (July 14, 1873.)

No. 68.—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE PROVINCE.

On motion of Mr. Oliver, resolved—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is very desirable that the Geological Survey of the Province, which was begun by Dr Hector, should be completed, and that the Government be requested to obtain as soon as possible the services of a competent geologist for that purpose. (July 15, 1873.)

No. 123.—PROSPECTING THE GOLD FIELDS, DEEP LEADS, &c.

On motion of Mr de Lautour, resolved—That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that immediate efforts be made to ascertain scientifically the mineral wealth of the Provincial Gold Fields, and that, as a step in this direction, a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates, to be a fund in his opinion sufficient to defray the necessary prospecting expenses incurred under such competent scientific direction in his opinion sufficient to thoroughly test the deep leads and quartz reefs of this Province. (July 24, 1873.)

Report by Provincial Engineer on the Proposed Deepening of the Upper Harbour.

(Laid upon the Table by the Secretary for Works, April 30, 1874.)

Provincial Engineer's Department, Otago,

Dunedin, 27th April, 1874.

The Secretary for Works,

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Memo. of date the 20th inst., relating to Harbour Improvement, wherein I am requested to express an opinion upon the feasibility of deepening the channel communication between Port Chalmers and Dunedin, thereby admitting of access to the Upper Harbour by vessels of large tonnage, and in reply, have to state that the limited time afforded me for entering fully into such an important subject, added to a more than ordinary pressure of departmental work at the present time, places me rather at a disadvantage in the matter of detail. However, the whole question appears to my mind, to be greatly simplified from the conviction that any scheme for the deepening of the Harbour must be based upon a thorough knowledge of the direction and velocity of the tidal currents, and of the nature of the material forming the bed and sub-strata, aided by a correct map, shewing the true coast line, soundings, position, and extent, of the shoal banks, in fact, a complete Nautical and Engineering Survey of the Harbour as recommended by the late Mr. Balfour, believing with Mr. J. T. Thomson that no scheme should be attempted of a merely experimental nature, as it must be borne in mind that whatever course may be adopted towards improving the water communication, a very great expenditure must necessarily be involved. Moreover, the question of future maintenance is one of considerable magnitude, and if it is intended that it should receive that attention consistent with its importance, the course already alluded to, is the only legitimate one to pursue, whereby information can be acquired that may guide the adoption of a method of Harbour Improvement as complete as the natural resources at our disposal will permit.

Having perused the elaborate reports prepared by the late Mr. Balfour, I am free to confess that the mode of improvement suggested by him in the shape of a central wall extending between the existing deep water and the Upper Harbour, is the only natural solution of the question, as by it alone, can the current be controlled and utilised to advantage. At the same time it must be apparent that as the Dunedin Sewerage and Reclamation questions must form part of the scheme of Harbour Improvement, correct data of the nature above indicated are indispensably necessary before entering into the minutiae of sectional form, nature and position of channel wall and cost of its erection, the mode and extent of dredging and disposal of material, together with an effective arrangement of shipping accommodation at Dunedin—otherwise any scheme if attempted and carried out will have a strong tendency to prove abortive or practically inoperative.

I would accordingly recommend that a complete survey of the Harbour between Port Chalmers and Dunedin be instituted, with the view of enabling an exhaustive report to be prepared upon the whole question in all its bearings, with a detailed estimate of the cost of the works required, embracing the deepening of the channel and construction of protective works, providing requisite shipping accommodation and necessary Reclamation and Sewerage works.

I have, &c.,

D. L. SIMPSON,

Provincial Engineer.

REPORT on the HARBOUR DEPARTMENT for the year 1873-4.

Harbour Office, Port Chalmers,

28th April, 1874.

The Provincial Secretary of Otago.

SIR.—

I do myself the honor to forward, for the information of the Government, the following Report upon the state of the Department under my charge, for the year ending 31st March, 1874:—

THE PORT OF DUNEDIN.

Pilot Service.—In my last Annual Report, I indicated that the staff of officers was barely of sufficient strength to carry on this branch of the Harbour Department, and now it has become a necessity to increase the staff, as it frequently occurs that a demand is made for the services of a pilot, which cannot be supplied without calling in one, and sometimes two, additional hands in order to overtake the work, but as they do not hold a pilot's license, such a system should not be continued; and I would therefore respectfully urge that one Pilot additional to the present staff be appointed. As it was found necessary after a strike amongst the pilot-boatmen to pay a new crew £120 per annum, instead of £100 as formerly, may it please the Government to increase the pilot's salaries also. And here I might recommend that the most economical course for the Government to adopt is to procure a steam launch, and thereby dispense with the services of four boatmen, and also secure the better conduct of the pilot service. Then again, in this steam era, such service is not fully equipped without a tug. A steamer would be self-supporting now, the subsidy paid annually to the Geelong saved, and the Government and the shipping better served than they are at present. I would therefore respectfully recommend the purchase of a steam tug also. The cost of a superior vessel would not exceed £7000, and of a suitable launch, £500. It should not be lost sight of that the present open boat service is only intended to board vessels within hail of the Heads, so to speak, and in bad weather not to venture outside at all; and that the time has now arrived for the pilot to board vessels in any weather, in order, on the one hand, to prevent vessels during a southerly gale from running past the Port (which is frequently done by strangers, and thereby vexatious delay arises in getting back to the Heads), and on the other, during a N.E. gale, to be on board before the vessel nears the danger; also to assist in cases of distress, such as the barque "Celeste," which lay-to about 7 miles off the Heads on the 22nd inst., during a southerly gale, with a flag of distress flying, and, after waiting about 5 hours, bore away for the North before the Geelong reached the Heads, and without getting any assistance from this quarter in her distress.

Harbour Lights.—A light ship has been established on the Timaru Bank, and proved to be a great boon to masters of vessels and pilots navigating the Lower Harbour at night; and in order to improve the harbour light system, another is required on the Jetty in the N.E. harbour, at the turning point there. The cost of erection will not exceed £15, and annual maintenance £50. It will prevent the grounding of steamers on the stony ground in that locality, which might at any time prove very disastrous. It would also prevent the Jetty from being cut through as was done by the "William Miskin." While on lights, I would respectfully urge the lighting up of the Dunedin Jetties with gas. The cost of lighting all the four Jetties would not exceed £290, and annual maintenance of ten lamps, £15 15s each.

Channels.—Throughout the year, soundings have taken on the outer bar every favorable opportunity, and notwithstanding the reclamation that is going on in the Harbour, the scouring influence at the Heads does not appear to have lessened, as there are still 19 feet at low water across the bar, and 22 feet at the same state of the tide in the North Channel. Coming up to the inner bar, I find, instead of 17½ feet as formerly, 23 feet at low water; but while there is an unusual expanse of deep water on this bar, the channel has narrowed somewhat on the upper side of same, through the formation of the Timaru Bank, on which the light-ship is moored. At the same time, the depth of water, as in former years, is 42 feet at low tide in mid-channel abreast of this bank. From this point all the way up to Dunedin Jetty, there is no change in the Channel observable except a partial washing away of the corner of the main sand bank at Black Jack's Point, and a corresponding shoaling-up on the the opposite corner of the same bank, at the upper red beacon. The least depth of water in the long channel is 7 feet at low tide, and in the short channel, 4 feet. The altered formation of the main sand bank referred to, appears to me to have been caused by the training wall from Rattray-street Jetty setting the flood tide over towards Grant's Braes, which will confine the waters, and thereby gradually improve that part of the long channel in depth; indeed, I see no reason why there should not be an extension of the plan already begun with the training wall, to carry it out within say 1000 feet of the opposite shore, the more so as the time has arrived to push forward energetically the work of deepening the upper harbor. Such work would throw a scour

into the Channel, and the process of deepening would be going on, while the necessary dredgers are in course of construction. It would also be the back-bone of the Jetty, the extension of which should not be allowed to stand still for a day.

Wharves, &c.—With the exception of the Railway Pier at Port Chalmers, all the jetties in the Port of Dunedin are constantly undergoing, repairs. The traffic on them is now very heavy, and what with the want of dray accommodation to remove cargo as fast as it is discharged, and very limited space for either vessel or cargo, the Deputy-Harbour Master has been compelled to do his duty between two fires, so to speak—on the one hand; the consignee of a cargo already landed, and on the other, the consignee of a cargo ready to be landed, the latter pressing for room on the jetty, (possibly demurrage going on) the former unable to remove his cargo from want of drays, perhaps in some cases unwilling to do so. The Pier Master at Port Chalmers is in the same unhappy position, only in his case the difficulty is between the ship-masters for berths for their vessels, the railway authorities leaving no goods to block up the traffic at any time on their pier. I mention this to show the pressing necessity that exists for a further extension of Rattray Street Jetty and the Railway Pier, as the works now going on will not half meet the present requirements, to say nothing of the rapidly increasing shipping trade to this Port. At present, the Railway Pier is fully occupied, and there is in the stream 5200 feet of shipping that I am sure would be alongside of a pier if such accommodation was provided for them; so that the 1200 feet of wharf now in course of erection is not much amongst so many, clearly shewing that jetty extension should be vigorously pushed forward.

Dredging.—Although there are many difficulties inseparable from this work, it has been carried on throughout the year very successfully. The dredge "New Era" has cut out a basin sufficient for vessels to swing in at Rattray-street Jetty, and a channel the entire length of the training wall, 100 feet wide, and six feet deep at low water; also a channel of same depth across to Jetty-street Jetty, and along the south side to the new coal shed, lifting in all 42,354 cubic yards of mud, all of which has been deposited in parts of the Harbour set aside for reclamation; also at Port Chalmers, the same dredge has lifted 9414 cubic yards of stuff, and deposited same where a reclamation of the Harbour is now going on. The side dredge has lifted from the Dunedin Jetties 23,256 cubic yards, and utilised same in the manner already mentioned, making a total of 75,024 cubic yards lifted during the year ending 31st March last. I may mention that while the work referred to has removed all former difficulties of getting to and from the Jetties, it has created others, in so far that more vessels now seek jetty accommodation than there is room for, here again showing that wharf and jetty extension should go on simultaneously with dredging operations.

Moeraki Harbour.—The trade to this port is increasing, and now such as to necessitate the appointment of Harbour Master. The new jetty is finished, but will require a five ton crane on it to meet the requirements for the shipment of heavy blocks of stone which is constantly breaking down the old crane on the old jetty.

Mr. William Leggatt has rendered good service here, having since 1865 till now, acted as Harbour Master without salary, but it appears to me that his private business has so increased, and with it the work of the Harbour Department, that he cannot any longer give the latter the attention that the same demands. The thanks of the Government should be awarded to Mr. Leggatt for the interest he has always taken in the work of the Harbour Department at Moeraki. The Marine Department, I understand, has fixed upon the entrance to this Harbour as a most suitable site for a sea light, the establishment of which will considerably lessen the risk of navigating that part of the coast where dangerous reefs lie two miles off shore.

Shag Point.—The Marine Department Officers on their Lighthouse Survey, did not visit this port, off which there is an ugly reef, to indicate which, and lead vessels up to the anchorage at night, a Harbor Light is necessary. The coal trade is still increasing at this port, and will require for the current year an expenditure of a sum not exceeding £150 for moorings and harbor works.

Waikouaiti.—The training wall at the entrance to this River is now in course of construction, and will, I am hopeful, deepen the channel, so that vessels of 100 tons may safely enter. I may here repeat my application for a crane on the jetty. The want of such an accommodation has long been felt, and I would also respectfully recommend that the salary of the Deputy Harbour Master be increased, and that he be provided with house accommodation at the Signal Station. His duties have much increased since he entered upon the office at £50 a-year.

Port Molyneux.—I mentioned in my last annual report that the jetty here was much in need of repair, but the sum appropriated last year was not sufficient to enable the work to be proceeded with. An expenditure of a sum not exceeding £400 will be required; meantime it is dangerous to continue traffic on it. In my opinion this jetty should not extend so far out into the river as it is, but there should simply be a Quay along the bank twice the length of the present jetty,

Seventy-five vessels, representing 5978 tons, visited this Port during the last year, being an increase in tonnage of 1284 over that of the previous year. The officer in charge at this Port is highly deserving of an increase of salary.

Catlin's River.—This Port is improving in trade, and shows 107 vessels, or 4812 tons throughout the year, being an increase on the previous year's shipping of 1256 tons. A house has been built at the

Signal Station for the Deputy Harbour Master, thereby his services will be retained which are valuable. His services at the wreck of the ship "Surat," which brought this Port much into notice, is deserving of the highest praise, and in dealing with the salaries I would respectfully recommend that he also be remembered.

Waikawa.—This Port does not show signs of life at all, at same time cannot recommend the removal of the Deputy Harbour Master, his presence is required, if for nothing else than to keep the few traders from throwing ballast into the River. I would here again respectfully urge the erection of a house for this officer, same as at Catlin's River; cost not to exceed £150.

Riverton.—This Port has risen to such importance as is scarcely known at this end of the Province. The shipping trade thither has largely increased. The new bridge having blocked up the old jetty, caused lightering from the Stream to be had recourse to, which led to vexatious delay and much inconvenience to vessels and all concerned. As it is now decided to run the new jetty down from the bridge, I would respectfully recommend that nothing short of 200 feet be carried out, and a looking forward to a further extension immediately thereafter.

Casualties.—6th May, 1873.—The schooner "Mary Ogilvie" drove ashore at Oamaru, but was got off, brought to Port Chalmers, and repaired.

8th May, 1873.—The brig "Moa" drove ashore at All-day Bay; was afterwards floated off, brought to Port Chalmers, docked and repaired.

10th May, 1873.—The schooner "Margaret Campbell" wrecked at Oamaru.

10th May, 1873.—The schooner "Nancy" wrecked at New River Heads.

10th May, 1873.—The cutter "Advance" wrecked at Waikouaiti.

28th August, 1873.—The brigs "Emile" and "Scotsman" wrecked at Oamaru.

11th September, 1873.—The steamer "Lady of the Lake" run on shore at Timaru, was afterwards floated off, brought to Port Chalmers, docked and repaired.

17th September, 1873.—The schooner "Oreti" drove ashore at Oamaru, was afterwards launched, brought to Port Chalmers and repaired.

1st October, 1873.—The cutter "Jane" drove ashore at Oamaru considerably damaged, but was afterwards launched.

22nd October, 1873.—The steamer "Tuapeka" sunk in the Clutha River, was afterwards lifted and repaired.

20th December, 1873.—The schooner "Redcliffe" was wrecked at All-day Bay and one man drowned.

1st January, 1874.—The ship "Surat" wrecked at Catlin's River.

7th March, 1874.—The schooner "Mary Van Every" wrecked at the Clutha River Bar.

9th March, 1874.—The brig "Silver Lining" wrecked at Kakanui.

20th March, 1874.—The schooner "Kate Brian" drove on the rocks at the Mokokoko, New River, was afterwards floated off and repaired.

Weather Reports.—A complete system of weather reporting is just now being established at all the principal ports, which will be a great convenience, and in a measure tend to lessen the number of shipwrecks on the Coast, and I would here suggest that the Nuggets Lighthouse be made a station; it is a very desirable point at which to know the state of the weather; it would also be a great public convenience to know what vessels are passing there. Then again if the telegraph had been at that point on the 1st January last the French man-of-war "Vire," would have been at the wreck of the "Surat" a day sooner than she was. When it is considered the number of vessels navigating our waters, it appears to me that there is too great an extent of Coast between Otago Harbor and the Bluff, from which the Telegraph Stations are more than a day's journey, therefore the necessity to have one at the Nuggets, and worked by the Light-keepers, who are skilled operators, having an electric telegraph of their own between the Lighthouse and their dwellings.

Concluding Remarks.—In conclusion, I think the time has arrived that steps be taken to improve the condition of the seamen that visit this Port. They require friends to put them in the right way, and without a Home they are haunted wherever they go by the most profligate of both sexes until they are penniless; therefore, to provide a Home for the sailors is but a fair recompense for the dangers and hardships they have to pass through on our account; indeed, in this our "Island Home," the sailor is

indispensable; they are generous themselves to a fault, and have strong claims on our generosity, therefore the Government and the public, in my opinion, should go hand-in-hand with the establishment of a Sailors' Home. It would afterwards be self-supporting, and the Shipping Office and a Savings Bank, as in British Ports, could be in connection with such an Institution.

From pressure of other work I have not been able to visit Oamaru and the Bluff lately, but forward the annexed Reports from the Harbor Masters of their respective Ports.

I have, &c.,

WM. THOMSON,

Chief Harbor Master.

REPORT BY THE BLUFF HARBOUR MASTER.

Harbour Office, Bluff,

April 10, 1874.

To Captain William Thomson,
Chief Harbour Master of Otago.

SIR,—

I have the honor to submit to you the following Report on the Harbour under my charge for the year ending the 31st of March, 1874:—

BLUFF HARBOUR.

In commencing, I would call to your mind that I resumed my duties on the 13th of May last. On taking over the department, I found it quite bare of everything in the shape of stores and many things requiring immediate outlay, which will account for the rather large amount expended during the first three or four months after my return.

The Buoys and their Moorings.—Most of them are in good condition, but a few will require repairs before the expiration of the present year. The large iron buoy, which is fitted with a keel, will also require repairs, and a larger keel, as no other buoy will ride with the same moorings. It will be necessary to have another fitted in the same way to relieve it while under repairs.

Beacons.—The beacons which were erected on Tewaewae Point during my absence does not do away with the necessity of having buoys also. They are no doubt less expensive to keep up, but by no means such useful guides. They cannot be seen at a sufficient distance in hazy weather, when any way dark, nor in moonlight nights. At such times the buoys can be made out one after another, and are safe guides; they are also better for sailing vessels, which require to know the limits of the channel when working through.

Buoy Boat.—The buoy boat is now completely done, and beyond repairing; it is lying inside the dock, with the tide ebbing and flowing in it.

The buoy work is, as formerly, done with two boats lashed together, but it can only be done in the finest of weather, and sometimes months elapse before a buoy can be replaced or overhauled. Some moorings are lost from being unable to lift them, and nothing whatever can be done in overhauling the ship moorings. It will therefore be necessary to get another as soon as possible—an open launch, say 36 feet long, 12 feet beam, and 4 feet deep. An iron one, I think, would be the cheapest and best, and not liable to be destroyed by the boring-worms, which are so bad in this Harbour. It need not be finely finished, and only close lined on the floors; but it must be at least 12 feet beam, to allow of fixing our crab winch in it.

Pilot Boats.—One has just been put in thorough repair; the other requires some slight repairs. Both these boats have been in use for 8 or 9 years, and therefore require frequent repairs. The services of a boat-builder can seldom be had, and this work is done by the coxswain.

Life Boat.—The life boat also requires repairs. It was put in the water a few weeks ago, and filled and sank in 12 hours. Some of the air tins must therefore be leaky, the result, I presume, of having been ran into by the Wallabi some time ago.

Wharf.—The extension was completed in December last, and the wool vessels have loaded, and one home vessel with railway plant discharged there. They occupied the whole of the additional space, leaving only the old portion, which does not give quite so much space as formerly for the intercolonial and coasting trade, the latter of which has increased considerably during the last year, and there are frequently more vessels than can be berthed alongside. But the want of railway plant and proper arrangements on the Jetty for shunting trucks have been even more felt than want of berthing space. I am therefore of opinion that, to meet present requirements, and keep pace with the increasing traffic, at least 200 feet should be added to the west end of the extension. The work should be commenced immediately, and completed before next wool season, so that it may not impede the traffic, as was done for the greater portion of last year. The planking of the eastern arm is now in such a state of decay that it is dangerous for even foot passengers. As this part is very useful for small craft loading and discharging cargoes which are brought and taken away by drays, I think it very desirable that it should be at once re-planked. The beams are sufficient to support the traffic for a long time yet, and a light drawbridge should be thrown across the opening. The position of the rails on the western arm renders it dangerous for persons passing along when trucks are being shunted by the engine. To obviate this, I suggested that the new planking should be allowed to project beyond the kerbing, so as to form a gangway clear of the rails, which is being done.

Lights on the Wharf.—Lights on the wharf have been greatly wanted for years past, and are more so now, in consequence of the increased traffic. I would therefore recommend that at least four good kerosene lights be placed in the most advantageous places.

The small Lighthouse on Starting Point.—I have been unable to get this erected owing to the scarcity of labor, but I have repaired the flagstaff lantern in such a way that will last for some time yet. I think that this light and one of the proposed lights on the Jetty might be made to cut each other, so as to be a guide into the Harbour for small vessels, but I fear the sharp turn which they would necessarily show would be rather awkward for large vessels. I shall, however, try how this arrangement would do; but if the light you proposed placing on the patch of rocks off Burial Point is erected, this arrangement will be unnecessary.

Signal Station Bluff Hill.—You are aware that this has been re-established, and it is in fair working order. It is often taken advantage of by vessels for other ports, calling for orders.

I have made arrangements with the Telegraphist here to get the weather reports from thence, so that in future the shipping community at other ports may depend on them as being correct.

The Coxswain has requested me to apply for an increase of his salary, as I before stated, he keeps the Boats in repair and does other carpenter work required in the department, and also pilots when occasion requires. I therefore think that he is deserving of a considerable advance. I would also suggest that the Signal-masters be advanced proportionate with that lately received by the Boatmen.

I received a book from you a short time ago to keep a register of the Tides in, but I could not see my way to keeping such a register as would be of any practical value, without serious inconvenience, as it would require constant attention both day and night. I therefore set about inventing a self-registering machine, which would record all phenomena connected with tides, and I have succeeded in doing so. It will register for a week at a time, the limits of high and low water and the time they take place, and any irregularities caused by storm or earthquake waves, shewing the height to which they rise, and the time they take place. It will also record the time that elapses during the rise and fall of each foot.

When I completed my invention, I was not aware that anything of the kind was in use, but I have since been told that a machine which registers for *one day*, is in use in Newcastle, New South Wales, but on quite a different principle; and I cannot learn that it does any more than shew the limit of each tide, and the time. This, however, I easily arrived at, but that would not suit my purpose, as my other duties would frequently cause my absence at the time the machine required resetting, and here my difficulties commenced. I have, however, succeeded in overcoming them in the most satisfactory way. The machine has been made by myself, but I require an ordinary eight-day spring clock with slight alterations made to suit my arrangements, and a small wooden box on the wharf for its safe keeping.

N E W R I V E R .

The Bar is at present good, having not less than ten feet at low water. The Signal-master reports that several of the Bush-beacons have disappeared from the channel, and two buoys have been temporarily moored in places where beacons will not stand, owing to the shifting nature of the banks. The arm of the River which branches off to the westward, a little above the Mokomoko, has been staked off for the convenience of small craft engaged in the timber trade, which has sprung up with saw mills lately started near the entrance. The cost has been defrayed by private parties. The depth at high water, ordinary tides, is about 6 feet.

The small craft take the timber from the mills and land it on the Mokomoko Jetty, where coasting

vessels can load it. The Masters of many of these latter vessels are strangers to the Port, and they are boarded and piloted by the Signal-master, he charging each vessel a small sum to pay his boating expenses—no pilotage being charged at Invercargill.

The only *casualty* to shipping which has taken place in this locality during the year, is the stranding of the schooner "Kate Brain," 115 tons, on a reef of rocks about two cable lengths S. W. of the Moko-moko Jetty. She had just left the Jetty and was proceeding down the channel with a fair wind, when close to the reef an eddy of the tide caught her bow and paid her off, so that she struck and remained on the reef.

Court of enquiry reported that the Pilot committed an error of judgment in keeping so near to the reef as he did, as he must have known of an eddy in that locality; also that the vessel was not properly found in kedge anchors, and that she should have had two pumps instead of only one. Owing to a strong gale of wind springing up shortly after she got on shore, and the sharp nature of the rocks, she sustained considerable damage.

My *Dwelling-house* has been kept in repair for years past principally at my own expense, and I applied, some time ago, for a refund of some of the money expended, but it was not allowed. I have again applied to the present Executive. Will you kindly remind them of the matter. The ceiling and walls in one part of the house have been destroyed by water from the roof, which has become so shattered from frequent repairs, that it cannot now be made watertight. I have therefore to respectfully request that a sum be allowed for a new roof and re-papering the rooms destroyed by the water.

The Signal Master, Now River, requests that the sum of ten pounds be allowed him for building a chimney to his house, and some timber for repairs.

I append my estimate of the various sums required for the next twelve months.

The shipping report for the year ending the 31st of March, 1874, is as follows:—

<i>Bluff</i> .—Entered inwards, 310 vessels	52828 tons.
" outward 303 "	51165 "
Piloted inwards 48 "	19386 "
" outward 37 "	15349 "
<i>Invercargill</i> .—Entered inwards 34 "	1324 "
" outward 32 "	1153 "

THOS. THOMSON,

Harbour Master.

ESTIMATE of the PROBABLE EXPENDITURE required for the Bluff and New River Harbours for twelve months from the 1st of April, 1874:—

<i>Bluff Harbour</i> .—Buoys and Beacons	... ..	£50 0 0
Boats	... ..	20 0 0
Life Boat	... ..	10 0 0
Buoy Boat	... ..	150 0 0
Lighthouse on Starling Point	50 0 0
Repairs to Dwelling-house	40 0 0
Fuel and Light	8 0 0
Contingencies	20 0 0
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<i>New River</i> .—Boat, Beacon and Flagstaff	£10 0 0
Repairs to Signalmaster's Dwelling-house	15 0 0
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THOS. THOMSON,

Harbour Master.

REPORT BY THE OAMARU HARBOUR MASTER.

Oamaru, 24th March, 1874.

Captain W. Thomson, Chief Harbour Master,

Sir,—I have the honour to forward for your information my annual report of Northern Ports of the Province of Otago for the year ending February 28th, 1874.

PORT OF OAMARU.

Number of Vessels and their Tonnage.—The inward entries at H. M. Customs are 304 vessels, of registered tonnage 32,655 tons, being an increase of 54 vessels and 533 tons on the year ending 28th February, 1873.

Exports.—The exports for the past year have been chiefly wheat and flour to the Northern and West Coast Provinces, and wheat, flour, and wool to Port Chalmers and Dunedin. The oats grown in this district have been nearly all consumed in the town and district, consequently there have been few Inter-colonial steamers in Port, which accounts for the small tonnage for the number of vessels entered inwards.

Landing Place.—The dam diverting the Oamaru Creek still serves the purpose for which it was erected, thereby causing the landing place to be at all times (weather permitting) workable.

Signals.—The Signal Staff and Signals at the upper Signal Station are in good order; but the Station at the time it is of most service—during stormy weather—is very difficult of access, for want of a road or footpath to the Station.

The lower Flagstaff having been removed, to allow of a railway station being erected on its site, vessels in port suffer considerably in not getting their signals answered as soon as might be. I consider it very desirable that the Flagstaff be re-erected, as during thick weather when the upper station is enveloped in fog or rain clouds there is no place from which to show the danger signals.

Rocket Apparatus.—The railway station and platform having been erected close to the Rocket House, it is very desirable that the house be removed to the site proposed for lower signal station. The house and stores are in good order and in fair supply. The new hawser is heavy. It has not yet been used; I would be glad to have it exchanged for one half an inch less in diameter. I will forward list of Rocket stores required for next twelve months.

The Rocket apparatus worked by the boatmen has during the past year been the means of rescuing twenty-eight (28) men from wrecked vessels, viz., "Margaret Campbell," 7; "Emile," 9; and "Scotsman," 12 men; the greater portion of whom, I feel assured, would have perished had no apparatus been available, as the vessels foundered a considerable distance from the beach, and soon broke up.

Harbor Works.—The progress made with the breakwater has not been so great as was anticipated this time last year. The works have only been extended 63 feet in the past twelve months. They now extend about 323 feet from the starting point, and have at the end, 13 feet water at low water spring tides.

The contractors have had various difficulties and delays. The crane did not reach Oamaru till several months after it was due. The contractors have also found that the concrete blocks can only be properly placed under water during a smooth sea; and they have had frequent delays waiting for smooth water.

The work, so far as it has gone, is substantial, and when extended to the limit of present contract will give shelter to a considerable amount of shipping.

Casualties.—I regret that during the past year there have been at Oamaru three total wrecks, three strandings and one collision, viz., on May 10th the three-masted schooner "Margaret Campbell." On August 27th, the brigs "Emile" and "Scotsman" were totally wrecked. On May 6th the schooner "Mary Ogilvie," and on September 17th, the schooner "Oreti" were stranded. They were sold and launched. On September 28th the cutter "Jane" was stranded but was got off on flood tide considerably damaged. On August 26th, the schooner "Jane Anderson," in working out, collided with the brig "Emile," carrying away the "Emile's" jib-boom and fore-royalmast.

KAKANUI.

The number of vessels entered inwards for the year ending February 28th, 1874, is 74, of 2115 tons register, shewing a decrease of 18 vessels and 624 registered tons on the previous year.

The boat service is still managed by the Meat Preserving Company, and the boats and plant are in good working order.

For some time past the difficulty experienced in obtaining vessels to carry away their shipments have caused the Company to erect additional stores at the landing place. They have now room for 800 tons produce, and have now in store, ready for shipment, between 4000 and 5000 bags of grain, a considerable portion of which is from the Otepopo and Allday Districts.

I have not yet received particulars of imports and exports at Allday, but will do so in a day or two. I will then report on same.

I have, &c.,

WM. SEWELL,

Deputy Harbor Master.

FURTHER REPORT FROM THE OAMARU HARBOR MASTER.

Oamaru, 27th March, 1874

Captain Wm. Thomson, Chief Harbor Master.

SIR,—I now beg to forward statement as furnished by Captain Crawford, of the number of vessels that have visited Allday Bay, together with the imports and exports for the twelve months ending February 28th, 1874.

I think the tonnage of the three first vessels on the abstract should have been omitted, as the "Hope" and "Beautiful Star" only landed Crawford's family and luggage, and the "Moa" arrived there and sailed from there in ballast or without cargo. Some 50 bags wheat, shipped before stranding, were landed after stranding and again shipped in the "Wave," and are included in her exports.

The number of vessels arriving at Allday for the year ending 28th February, 1874, is 39, of 1329 registered tons, being a decrease of 10 vessels and 131 registered tons.

The imports (deducting the "Hope," "Beautiful Star," and "Moa,") amount to 172 tons,—a decrease of 12 tons.

The exports amount to 772 tons, shewing a decrease of 494 tons on the year ending 28th February, 1873.

The decrease in the exports is owing to a large portion of the land in the neighborhood of Allday being laid down in pasture.

At the time of the wreck of the "Redcliffe," while Captain Crawford and his men were rescuing the wrecked crew, his best punt got adrift and was so much damaged on the rocks that she was past repairing and the boating plant now consists of only one punt of about four tons burden.

I am informed that the produce from the Otepopo District, which formerly has been shipped at Allday, is now being carried to Kakanui for shipment, and the steamer "Jane," now trading to Moeraki, will take most, if not all the merchandise to Moeraki for the Otepopo district that formerly was landed at Allday, so I anticipate there will be very little shipping business done at Allday during the ensuing year.

I have, &c.,

WM. SEWELL,

Deputy Harbor Master.

UNSOLD LANDS IN SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

(REPORT BY CLASSIFICATION COMMISSIONERS.)

(Laid upon the Table by the Secretary for Lands, May 4, 1874.)

Provincial Government Offices,

Invercargill, 10th April, 1874.

His Honor the Superintendent,

Dunedin.

SIR,—

We have the honor, as Commissioners appointed under the Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Act, 1873, to furnish your Honor, in terms of section 2 of the abovenamed Act, with the accompanying description of the boundaries of the Crown Lands in the district formerly constituting the Province of Southland, which have been classified by us as "Agricultural" and "Pastoral," respectively, being the whole of the unsold Crown Lands within the said district not included in the Hundreds.

The area of land classified as "agricultural" amounts to 204,211 acres, more or less; and of land classified as "pastoral" to 696,000 acres, more or less.

We have, &c.,

JOHN R. CUTHBERTSON,

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DESCRIPTIONS OF BOUNDARIES:

Descriptions of boundaries of land classified as "agricultural" and "pastoral" by the Commissioners appointed under clause 2 of "The Southland Waste Lands Act, Amendment Act, 1873."

AGRICULTURAL LAND.

3,900 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 116, bounded towards the north by Bush Reserve, sections 134, 282, 122, a public road, and section 319; towards the east by sections 319, 137, and 123; towards the south and south-west by the southern boundaries of the aforesaid Run No. 116.

1,520 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 119A, bounded towards the north and north-east by section 169, and part of 168; towards the south-east by section 171; towards the south-west by sections 99, 100, 101, 102, and part of 103; on the south-east by part of the North Peak stream; and towards the west by Cowan's Creek, always excepting out of the land hereby described, the purchased land numbered sections 278, 290, and 343, respectively.

24,240 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 112, being the whole of the unsold portion of Run 112 aforesaid.

6,605 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 195B, being the whole of the unsold portion of Run 895B aforesaid, excepting the homestead pre-emptive right.

13,610 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Runs Nos. 195A and 207, bounded towards the north-east by the Tomogalak Stream; towards the east by section 140; towards the south-east by sections 352, 359, 347, and 348; towards the south by section 352 extension; towards the west by section 351 and the Waimea Stream: and towards the north-west by the north-west boundary of section 159, and a line drawn from the northernmost corner thereof, at a bearing of about 30° , always excepting out of the land herein described, the purchased sections Nos. 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 85, 159, 216, 217, 218, 346, 349, 350, 355, 356, 357, 358, and the homestead pre-emptive right.

200 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 195A, bounded towards the north-east by section 360; towards the south-east by the south-east boundary of aforesaid Run 195A; and towards the south-west and north-west by a public road.

200 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run 207A, bounded on the north-east by the boundary of the Run; on the south-east and south by the main branch of the Mataura River; on the south-west by section 113; and on the north-west by a public road.

1,995 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 329, bounded on the north by the northern boundary of the district; towards the north-east and east by the main branch of the Mataura River; towards the south-west by the boundary of the said Run and the pre-emptive right; and towards the west by lines running in a northerly direction, to include about 20 chains of the slopes of the hills facing the Mataura River.

1,000 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 148, bounded towards the north-east by the north-east boundary of Run 148; towards the south-east by the Winton Stream; towards the south by section 362; and towards the west by the Educational and Ferry Reserves.

1,140 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 148, bounded towards the east, north, and west by section 362; towards the south-east by the Winton Stream; towards the south by sections 256, 5, and the homestead pre-emptive right; towards the west by the homestead pre-emptive right; and towards the north-west by sections 136A, 132, 274, 239, and 275.

1,435 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 148, being the whole of the unsold land in the Otipiri Valley, bounded towards the north by sections 209 and 404; towards the east by the Hokonui Bush; towards the south by section 326; and towards the west by sections 332, 333, and 210, and the Heale Ridge Bush.

825 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 146, bounded on the east by section 354; on the south by section 405; towards the south-west by sections 98 and 19, and a public road; towards the north-west by section 214; and on the north by a line running due east from the easternmost corner of section 214 aforesaid.

600 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 146, bounded towards the north-east by sections 222, 96, 26, 95, 111, 27, and part of 94; towards the south-east by a line parallel to, and 25 chains distant from the south-east boundary of section 30; towards the south-west by section 301, and a public road; and on the west by section 23, always excepting out of the land hereby described, the purchased land included in section 30 aforesaid.

2,032 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 146, bounded towards the north-east by sections 258 and 21, by the Okaiterua Bush, and a line drawn from the westernmost point thereof, at a bearing of about 167° on the true meridian; on the south-west by the south-west boundary of Run No. 146; and towards the west by sections Nos. 369, 259, and 304.

120 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 419, an island in the Oreti River, and being the whole of the area comprised in said Run No. 419.

2,000 acres, more or less, in the Hokonui district, on Run No. 136, being all the unsold land on said Run No. 136 lying to the east of the east face of the Hokonui Hills.

1,080 acres, more or less, in the Eyre district, on Run No. 214, bounded on the north by the northern boundary of Run 214; towards the east by the Mataura River; on the west by a meridional line at the base of the hills, a distance of about 120 chains; then towards the north-west and south-west by lines cutting along the base of the high hills, and joining the Mataura River at a point due east of Castle Hill.

960 acres, more or less, in the Eyre district, on Run No. 214, bounded towards the north-west by sections 12 and 16; towards the north-east by a line parallel to, and 20 chains north-east of, the north-east boundary of section 16, a distance of about 120 chains; then by a line at right angles to cut the Mataura River; towards the south-east by the Mataura River and section 10; towards the south-west

by a line parallel to the south-west boundary of section 16, and 20 chains distant therefrom, a distance of about 80 chains; and then by a line to the northernmost corner of section 15.

2,200 acres, more or less, in Eyre district, on Run No. 214, bounded towards the north-east by a line in continuation of the north-east boundary of section 12, about 20 chains; towards the south-east by the Quoich Creek; again towards the north-east by section 12; again towards the south-east by a line from the south-west corner of section 12 to the north-east corner of the homestead pre-emptive right on Run No. 214, by the said pre-emptive right, by section 1, and by the Athol township; again to the north-east by the Athol township; towards the south-east by the Matura River; towards the south-west by the Eyre Creek; towards the north-east by a line running from a point where the hills close in on the Eyre Creek, along the base of the hills to the Quoich Valley; then by lines running along the base of hills on the north-west side of the Quoich Creek to the starting point.

348 acres, more or less, in the Eyre district, on Run No 352A, bounded towards the north by sections 49 and 40; towards the east by the Mataura River; towards the south by section 51, and the south boundary line of said Run 352A; and towards the west by a line running along the base of the high hills.

750 acres, more or less, in Eyre district, on Run No. 302, bounded towards the north by the pre-emptive right; towards the east and south-east by sections 8, 28, and 26; towards the south-west by section 31; and towards the north-west by a line drawn from the south-west corner of the pre-emptive right to the northernmost corner of section 31.

4120 acres, more or less, in the Eyre District, on Run No. 190, bounded towards the north by section 25; towards the east by a line drawn from the south-east corner of section 25 to the north-east corner of the pre-emptive right, lying due west of trigonometrical station Z; thence towards the north-east by a line running to a point about 50 chains due south of trigonometrical station Z; thence towards the north-west by a line running to a point in the western boundary of section 3, about 100 chains from the north-west corner thereof; towards the south-east by section 3; and towards the south-west and west by the Oreti River, always excepting out of the land hereby described, the pre-emptive right on Run 190, and the purchased land, being section No. 56.

2,500 acres, more or less, in the Eyre district, on Run No. 191A, bounded on the north by a line running due west from the south-west corner of section 25; towards the south-east by section 53; towards the south-west by section 18; again towards the south-east by section 18; again towards the south-west by section 3; and on the west by section 4.

4,659 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 135, being the whole of the unpurchased land on the said Run No. 135.

6,166 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 149, bounded towards the south-east by section 124; towards the east by section 116; towards the south by section 116, and by the Oreti Hundred; towards the west by the west boundary of Run No. 149; towards the north by a line drawn from the south east corner of section 119 through a little bush, until it cuts the western boundary of section 124 aforesaid.

708 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 149, bounded on the north by the northern boundary of said Run No. 149; on the east by the Oreti River, and by the Dipton Creek; on the south by section 69; towards the south-west by the road line leading over the Big Hill; and on the west by a meridian line through trigonometrical station BB.

2,200 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 159, bounded on the north by section 133; towards the east by the pre-emptive right on Run 159, and sections 135, 113, and 134; on the south by the south boundary of said Run No. 159; and towards the west and north-west by sections 143, 121, and 123.

1,460 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 159, bounded on the north by section 164, and part of 163; towards the east by the Dipton Creek; on the south by the south boundary of said Run No. 159; on the west by a line on the meridian of trigonometrical station BB, continued 60 chains north of the south boundary of the said Run No. 159; again on the south by a line parallel to the south boundary of Run No. 159; and again on the west by a meridian line about 125 chains west of the east corner of section 164.

1,160 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 159, being all the unsold land lying between sections 126, 88, 74, 85, 86, 114, 76, 133, 13, and 123.

930 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 181, bounded towards the north-east by section 58; towards the east by sections 20, 21, and 67; towards the south-west by section 126; and towards the north-west by a line parallel to the north-west boundary of section 67, starting from westernmost corner of section 58.

800 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 181, being the unsold portions of the large island in the Oreti River, opposite to section 72.

1,840 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 181, bounded towards the north by sections 34, 35, 43 and parts of 43 and 45; towards the south-east by section 125, and towards the south-west by sections 49, 50, 51 and part of 52.

3,000 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 181, bounded towards the north by sections 149 and 149A; then towards the south-east by a line in continuation of the south-east boundary of section 149A about 40 chains; towards the north-east by a line parallel to the south-west boundary of section 49, and about 80 chains distant from it; again towards the south-east by section 150; towards the south-west by a line running at a bearing of about 305° on the true meridian about 140 chains; then again towards the south-east by a line running to the sharp bend in the Hamilton Burn, and on the west by the west boundary of Run No. 181 aforesaid, excepting out of the land described, the purchased land section No. 148.

4,335 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 181; bounded towards the east and north-east by a line from the sharp bend in the Hamilton Burn to Trigonometrical Station T; thence by a line to Trigonometrical Station W; thence by a line to the northernmost corner of section 83; then by section 83, and then by Dipton Creek; towards the west by the Hamilton Burn and sections 130 and 131; towards the south and west by the Peat bog, and again on the south-west by the boundary line between Run No. 181 and Run No. 150B.

330 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 150B; bounded towards the north-east by the north-east boundary of Run No. 150B; on the south by the south boundary of said Run No. 150B, and on the west by a north and south line about 60 chains west of the Dipton Creek.

850 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 150B; bounded on the north by the Aparima river; on the east by a line running from Trigonometrical Station N* through Trigonometrical Station Q to the Aparima River, and from Trigonometrical Station N* due south; on the south by the boundary of said Run 150B and section 137; and on the west by section 137 and the Aparima River.

2,620 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 154; bounded towards the north by section 137 and the north boundary of said Run No. 154; on the east by a meridian line through Trigonometrical Station N*, continued about 200 chains south of the north boundary of said Run; again on the north by a line running due east; again on the east by a meridian line through Trigonometrical Station L*; on the south by a line due west from Trigonometrical Station L* about 60 chains; then on the south-east by a line to the north-east corner of section 160, and on the west by section 138 and by the Aparima River.

1,792 acres, more or less, in the Taringatura district, on Run No. 154, bounded on the north by the northern boundary of section 136, continued due east; on the east by a north and south line to include the old homestead; on the south by the south boundary of said Run No. 154; and on the west by section 136, and by the homestead pre-emptive right.

2,890 acres, more or less, in the Centre Hill district, on Run No. 188, bounded on the north by the Educational Reserve; towards the east and north-east by the Oreti River, and again on the east by the east boundary line of said Run No. 188; towards the south-west by lines parallel to and 40 chains distant from the Oreti River, then by a line from the north-west corner of section 5 to the second traverse peg of the Centre Hill Road, and then by a line to the south-west corner of the aforesaid Educational Reserve; excepting out of the land hereby described, the homestead pre-emptive right and the purchased land being sections Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 10.

2,440 acres, more or less, in the Centre Hill district, on Run No. 188, bounded towards the east by the eastern boundary of said Run 188, towards the south-west by the Hamilton Burn, and towards the north-west by the north-west boundary of section 1, continued to the Riverton Road, and by the Riverton Road to the eastern boundary of said Run No. 188.

720 acres, more or less, in the Centre Hill district, on Run No. 198, bounded towards the north by section 12; towards the east by the Hamilton Burn; towards the south by the Educational Reserve; and towards the west by the main Riverton Road.

4060 acres, more or less, in the Wairaki district, on Run No. 208, bounded towards the north and east by the Aparima River, towards the south-west by the Etal Creek; towards the west by a meridian line about 15 chains east of Trigonometrical Station M, a distance of about 200 chains; then on the north-east by a line running at the base of the hills; then again towards the west by a line parallel to and 40 chains distant from the Aparima River; again towards the south-west by a line parallel to and about 40 chains from Birch Tree Creek about 100 chains; then towards the north-west by a line at right angles to the last described line, a distance of about 80 chains; and again on the north-east by a line at right angles to the last described line to a point about 40 chains from the Aparima River; and then again towards the north-west by a line parallel to and 40 chains distant from the Aparima River aforesaid.

4,740 acres, more or less, in the Wairaki district, on Run No. 187, bounded towards the north by the Etal Creek; towards the east by sections 4, 20, 22, 23, and 7, and by the Aparima River; on the south by the south boundary of said Run No. 187, and towards the west by a line drawn from the westernmost point of the Reserve north of the Etal Creek, to a point on the south boundary of said Run No. 187 a distance due west of Trigonometrical Station F about 150 chains.

3,000 acres, more or less, in the Wairaki district, on Runs Nos. 143A and 143B, bounded towards the north by a line drawn from the westernmost point of section 3 to Trigonometrical Station Z, and from thence to the fork in the old Homestead Creek, and from thence towards the north-west to the nearest bend in the Violet Creek; towards the west by the Violet Creek, section 17; and towards the south and east by the Morely Creek; excepting out of the land hereby described, the purchased land, being section 6, the homestead pre-emptive right, and the Coal Reserve.

375 acres, more or less, in the Wairaki district, on Run No. 156A1, bounded towards the north-west and north by the Wairaki River, and towards the east and south-east by lines running at the base of the high terrace along the River, being the river flat on Run No. 156A1, opposite to Trigonometrical Station M.

490 acres, more or less, in the Wairaki district, on Run No. 156A1, bounded towards the west by the Wairaki River; towards the east by lines at the base of the high terrace along the River; towards the south by the south boundary of said Run No. 156A1.

18,600 acres, more or less, in the Wairio district, on Run No. 153, being the whole of the unsold land of said Run No. 153, excepting the homestead pre-emptive right, and that portion bounded on the north by the northern boundary of said Run No. 153; towards the east by the branch of the Wairio Creek, forming part of the western boundary of section 7; and towards the south-west and west by the Wairio Creek.

3,260 acres, more or less, in the Wairio district, on Run No. 133, bounded towards the north-east by the north-east boundary of said Run No. 133, and by section 19; towards the south-east by the south-east boundary of said Run No. 133; on the south by the Aparima Hundred, and towards the north-west by the public road known as the Beaumont Road.

1,360 acres, more or less, in the Wairio district, on Run No. 133, bounded towards the north by sections 4 and 6, the homestead pre-emptive right, and a public road; towards the east by the Wairio Creek; on the south by the Aparima Hundred, and towards the west by the western boundary of said Run No. 133.

2,000 acres, more or less, in the Wairio district, on Run No. 142, bounded towards the north by the Woodlaw Forest and section 18; towards the east by the eastern boundary of said Run No. 142; towards the south by the Aparima Hundred and sections 25 and 26 Wairio district; towards the south-west by the Bald Hill Forest; and towards the north-west by the pre-emptive right and its south-eastern boundary continued to the Woodlaw Forest, and by the south-eastern boundary line of section 13 continued to the Bald Hill Forest.

1,940 acres, more or less, in the Wairio district, on Run No. 143, bounded towards the north by the Morely Creek; towards the east by the Sheep Reserve, section 20, and the creek east of Trigonometrical Station I; towards the south by the Orawia Creek; and towards the south-west by section 10.

1,100 acres, more or less, in the Wairio district, on Run No. 143, bounded towards the north by the pre-emptive right on Run No. 143, the Orawia Creek, and a public road; towards the south-east by section 16, and a line drawn from the northernmost corner thereof to the third bend in the road line, forming the south boundary of section 10, from the point where it joins the Orawia Creek; towards the south-west by the south-west boundary of said Run No. 143; and towards the north-west by section 27.

4,400 acres, more or less, in the Wairio district, on Run No. 143, bounded towards the north by Fish Creek, and a line from its source due east to the Wairio Creek; towards the east by the Wairio Creek; towards the south-west by the Little Wairio Creek, and a line drawn from the north-east corner of section 15 to a point on the Little Wairio Creek where it is joined by the northern boundary of Run No. 133; and towards the west by the Orawia Creek and section 8.

2,000 acres, more or less, in the Waiiau district, on Run No. 156A2, being the whole of the unsold portions of said Run No. 156A2, lying east of the Orawia River, excepting the homestead pre-emptive right.

3,580 acres, more or less, in the Waiiau district, on Run No. 156A2, bounded towards the east by the Orawia River and section 25; towards the south-west by the Marshburn Creek; towards the north-west by a line starting from a point on the Marshburn about 50 chains from the east boundary of the Run, at a bearing of about 22° on the true meridian till it cuts the road leading to Trigonometrical Station I, then towards the south by the said road leading to Trigonometrical Station I; on the west by the west boundary of said Run No. 156A2; on the north by section 30, and by a line drawn from the south-east corner thereof to the bend of the Orawia River, at the west boundary of section 28.

370 acres, more or less, in the Waiau district, on Run No. 156A2, bounded on the north by an east and west line about 55 chains north of section 30; towards the north-east by section 28; towards the east by a meridian line in continuation of the east boundary of section 30; on the south by section 30; and on the west by the west boundary of said Run No. 155A2.

1,541 acres, more or less, in the Waiau district, on Run No. 156B1, bounded towards the north-east by section 7; towards the east and south by the Longwood Forest; and towards the west by the Longwood Forest, the Orawia River, and section 7 aforesaid.

200 acres, more or less, in the Waiau district, on Run No. 156B21, bounded towards the north-east by section 7; towards the south-east and south-west by the Orawia River; and towards the west by the Longwood Forest.

4,185 acres, more or less, in the Waiau district, on Run No. 165, bounded towards the north by the Waiau and Wairaki Rivers; towards the east by a line at the base of the high terrace along the Wairaki River till it is cut by the line continued due north from Trigonometrical Station H; then by said meridian line, and a line from Trigonometrical Station H to the northernmost corner of section 12; then by sections 12, 16, and 36; on the south by section 8; towards the west by sections 5 and 31; and again on the south by sections 14 and 15; always excepting out of the land hereby described, the purchased land being section 35.

1,430 acres, more or less, in the Waiau district, on Run No. 165, bounded towards the north-west by sections 13 and 10; towards the north-east by sections 5 and 1, and the homestead pre-emptive right; towards the south-east by section 17; and towards the south-west by the Waiau River: always excepting out of the land hereby described, the purchased land, being section 24.

460 acres, more or less, in the Waiau district, on Run No. 165, bounded on the north by an east and west line about 55 chains north of section 30; on the east by the eastern boundary of Run No. 165; on the south by an east and west line in continuation of the south boundary of section 30; and on the west by a meridian line about 40 chains distant from the east boundary of Run No. 165 aforesaid.

6,600 acres, more or less, in the Takitimo district, on Run No. 166A, bounded towards the north-east by a line drawn from Taylor's Creek to Grassy Creek, parallel to, and about 60 chains south-west of the south-west boundaries of sections 17 and 18; then towards the east by lines at the base of the terraces near Sub-Trigonometrical Station F, round the Deep Creek, and then down Grassy Creek; then on the north by a line drawn due east, about 100 chains south of Trigonometrical Station M to the base of the terrace on the Wairaki River, and by lines at the base of said terrace to London Hill; again towards the east and south by the Wairaki River and the homestead pre-emptive right; towards the west by lines at the base of the terraces lying west of the Grassy Creek, to the south boundary of Run No. 166B, and by Grassy Creek aforesaid; and by the east boundary of section 19, continued to Taylor's Creek.

880 acres, more or less, in the Takitimo district, on Run 166B, bounded towards the north by the Cone Hills Creek; towards the east by lines commencing at the little bush in section 40, and running along the base of the Cone Hills; towards the south-east and south by the Belmont Bush; and towards the west by the Waiau River.

2,560 acres, more or less, in the Takitimo district, on Run No. 166B, bounded towards the north by section 40, and by an Educational Reserve; towards the east by section 19, and by the Grassy Stream; towards the south by the south boundary of Run No. 166B; towards the west by lines running at the base of the hills on the west side of Grassy Creek; again on the south and east by a line running at the base of the hill on which Sub-Trigonometrical Station D is situated; towards the south-west by section 4; and again towards the west by part of Belmont Bush, and a line continued from the north point thereof to section 40.

4,000 acres, more or less, in the Takitimo district, on Run No. 173, bounded towards the north-east by the Whare Creek; towards the south-east, north-east, and again towards the south-east, by lines running at the base of the high terraces, to include the flats in the Whare and Little Streams; towards the south-west by an Educational Reserve; towards the north-west by a public road; again towards the south-west and south-east by sections 16, 14, 2, and 15; again towards the south-west by the Redbank Stream; and again towards the north-west by the Waiau River.

2,080 acres, more or less, in the Takitimo district, on Run No. 396, bounded towards the north by section 41; towards the north-east by a line drawn from the south-east corner of section 41 to the western corner of section 49, and by section 49; again towards the north by sections 49, 43, and 44; towards the south-east by a line in continuation of the south-east boundary of section 44; towards the south-west by the Whare Stream; and towards the west by the Waiau River: always excepting out of the land hereby described, the purchased land, sections 47 and 48.

3,840 acres, more or less, in the Takitimo district, on Run No. 176B, bounded towards the north by the boundary line of the late Province of Southland; towards the east by Bridge Creek and the homestead pre-emptive right; towards the south by the pre-emptive right and section 21; and towards the

north-west by a line starting at a point on the northern boundary of section 21, about 70 chains from the Mararoa, and running at a bearing of about 18° on the true meridian.

2,400 acres, more or less, in the Takitimo district, on Run No. 176B, bounded towards the north-east by a line drawn from Home Creek to the creek running out of the peat bogs, at a bearing of about 150° on the true meridian, about 40 chains north-east of Freestone Hill, then by a line to a point about 40 chains north-east of the big bend in the Waiau River, and then by a line drawn to a point on the Mararoa River, about 20 chains from its junction with the Waiau River; on the south-west by the Waiau River; and on the north-west by the Home Creek.

840 acres, more or less, in the Takitimo district, on Run No. 176A, bounded towards the north-east by the Elm Tree Creek; towards the south-east by lines drawn in continuation of the south-east boundary of section 20; towards the west by the western boundary of said Run No. 176A; and towards the north-west by sections 39, 10, 13, 27, 11, and 26 of said district.

1,720 acres, more or less, in the Takitimo district, on Run No. 176A, bounded towards the north-west by section 38; on the north by section 8; on the east by the west boundary of the Educational Reserve, and a line in continuation thereof, about 30 chains from thence; towards the south-west by a line drawn to the lowest bush on the Waituna Creek, thence by a line drawn to the bush in Section 23; and on the west by section 23 and the homestead pre-emptive right on said Run No. 176A.

3,940 acres, more or less, in the Longwood district, at Orepuki, being all that parcel of land formerly known as Run No. 393, bounded towards the north-east and south by the Longwood Forest; towards the south-west by the Ocean; and towards the north-west by the Waiau River: always excepting out of the land hereby described, the Orepuki Township Reserve, and the purchased land, being section 1, and the acres of land occupied by Mr Hirst under an Agricultural Lease.

2,760 acres, more or less, in the Longwood district, at Pahia, on Run No. 395, being the whole of the unsold land comprised in the aforesaid Run No. 395.

PASTORAL LAND.

696,000 acres, more or less, being the whole of the land held under Pastoral Leases in the Southland district, and such other Crown Lands not more particularly defined as "Agricultural land."

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LAND FOR SALE ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS, SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

(REPORT BY MESSRS. PEARSON AND BAKER.)

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His Honor the Superintendent, Dunedin.

Crown Lands Office, Invercargill, 11th April, 1874.

SIR,—As requested by the Government we have the honor to enclose schedules of blocks of land to be set aside for sale on deferred payments in terms clause 5 of the Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Act, 1873, in that portion of the Province of Otago, formerly included within the boundaries of the Province of Southland.

Schedule A describes lands within the existing Hundreds—those at Orepuki which are unlicensed—and Run No. 395, which having been recently relet, we presume does not come within the provisions of clause 27 of the Southland Waste Lands Act, 1865, providing compensation in case of sale to the holder, in all 34,554 acres.

Schedule B gives the amounts of land presently suitable, which we consider may be obtained on the licensed Runs, should the legal interpretation of the Act permit of their being set aside for the purpose, making a total of 102,858 acres. The total of both schedules amounting to 137,412 acres.

We may remark that all the land in schedule B is included under the head of "agricultural" by the classification Commissioner.

We have, &c.,

WALTER H. PEARSON,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

JOHN H. BAKER,

Inspector of Surveys, S. W. District.

SCHEDULE A.

2,854 acres, more or less, in the Oteramika Hundred, being sections 17, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37, block I; sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, block II.

900 acres, more or less, in the New River Hundred, being bounded on the north by the northern boundary of the said Hundred; towards the north-east by Star Bush; on the east by block XIII, New River Hundred; towards the south-east by Spar Bush, on the west by section 28, New River Hundred.

2,100 acres, more or less, in the New River Hundred, bounded towards the north by the northern boundary of the said Hundred; towards the east by sections 28 and 25; towards the south by section 16; and towards the west by the Waimataku Stream and sections 26, 24, 23 and 22 of said Hundred.

3,500 acres, more or less, in the Forest Hill Hundred, bounded towards the north by sections 53 and 45; towards the east by the edge of the forest and section 39, and a line in continuation of its west boundary due south; towards the south-east by sections 78, 87 and 120; towards the south by sections 71 and 122; and towards the west by the Makarewa River.

14,500 acres, more or less, in the Oreti Hundred, bounded towards the north by sections 41, 61, 51 and 62; then on the west by section 62; then towards the north-east by section 60; then towards the east by sections 28 and 40, the Oreti River and sections 26, 1, 3 and 55; then towards the south-west by sections 54 and 56; then towards the south-east by section 56; then towards the south by a line running due west from the westernmost corner of section 56; then again towards the east by a meridian line in continuation to the west boundary of section 14, and by sections 14, 22 and 13; again towards the south by the south boundary of the Oreti Hundred; again towards the west by section 69; again towards the south by section 69; again towards the south-west by the Waitmatuku Stream and sections 68 and 67; and towards the north-west by a line in continuation of the south-western boundary of section 41, excepting out of the land hereby described, the purchased land being sections 43 and 44.

4,000 acres, more or less, in the Oreti Hundred, bounded towards the north by the northern boundary of the said Hundred ; towards the north-east and east by sections 62 and 48 ; towards the south by section 61, and towards the west by sections 41 and 35, a public road leading to the point of Heddon Bush and by section 5 of the said Hundred.

3,940 acres, more or less, in the Longwood district, at Orepuki, being all that parcel of land formerly known as Run No. 393, bounded towards the north-east and south by the Longwood Forest ; towards the south-east by the ocean, and towards the north-west by the Waiiau River, always excepting out of the land hereby described, the Orepuki Township Reserve and purchased land being section 1 and the area of land occupied by Mr. Hirst under an agricultural lease.

2,760 acres, more or less, in the Longwood district, at Pabia, on Run 395, being the whole of the unsold land comprised in the aforesaid Run No. 395.

WALTER H. PEARSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

JOHN H. BAKER,
Inspector of Surveys, S. W. District.

11th April, 1874.

SCHEDULE B.

District.	No. of Run.	Area suitable for Deferred payments.	District.	No. of Run.	Area suitable for Deferred payments.
Hokonui	116	3,900	Taringatura		
Do.	119A	1,520	Do.	159	1,460
Do.	112	12,000	Do.	"	1,160
Do.	195B	3,000	Do.	181	930
Do.	{ 195A }	8,000	Do.	"	3,000
Do.	{ 207 }		Wairio	153	18,600
Do.	207A	200	Do.	133	3,260
Do.	329	1,995	Do.	"	1,360
Do.	148	1,000	Do.	143	4,400
Do.	146	825	Do.	142	2,000
Do.	"	2,032	Eyre	352A	348
Taringatura	214	1,080	Wairaki	143A }	
Do.	"	960	Do.	143B }	3,300
Do.	"	2,200	Waiiau	156A2	2,000
Do.	135	4,659	Do.	"	3,580
Do.	149	708	Do.	"	370
Do.	"	6,166	Do.	165	460
Do.	159	2,200	Do.	"	4,185
			Total,		102,858

WALTER H. PEARSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

JOHN H. BAKER,
Inspector Surveys, S. W. District.

April 11, 1874.

REPORT BY COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS,
INVERCARGILL, FOR 1873-4.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Secretary, May 7, 1874.)

Crown Lands Office,

Invercargill, 23rd April, 1874.

The Provincial Secretary, Dunedin.

SIR,—I have the honor, as requested, to furnish a Report of the transactions of the Land Department under my control for the year ending 31st March, 1874.

Return A shows that the territorial revenue for the District of Southland proper, amounts to one hundred and ten thousand and seventy-three pounds nineteen shillings (£110,073 19s).

Return B, revenue collected in the extended or Invercargill Land District, amounting to seventy-three thousand four hundred and fifty-two pounds seventeen shillings and eleven pence (£73,452 17s 11d).

Return C, amount of Crown Grant fees, four hundred and seventy-one pounds thirteen shillings and seven pence (£471 13s 7d).

The total revenue collected at the Invercargill Land Office being one hundred and eighty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight pounds ten shillings and sixpence (£113,998 10s 6d). The total cost of collecting which, irrespective of the ordinary work in the office entailed by past transactions, amounts to nine hundred and eighty-five pounds (£985), or a penny farthing (1¼d.) in the pound.

The total area of land granted on the deferred payment system during the year is four thousand two hundred acres (4200); all of which, with the exception of two hundred (200) acres, being in the Toetoes block. This, together with the large number of applications for the block on Mr. M'Nab's Run, Waikaka, is an evidence of the popularity of the system.—I have, &c.,

WALTER H. PEARSON,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

C.—RETURN of Crown Grants delivered from the Land Office, Invercargill, and Fees received from 1st April, 1873, to 31st March, 1874, inclusive.

Number of Crown Grants in hand, 31st March, 1873.	Number of Crown Grants delivered from 1st April, 1873, to 31st March, 1874.	Fees received thereon.	Number of Crown Grants on hand 31st March, 1874
643	374	£ s. d. 471 13 7	562

WALTER H. PEARSON,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands Office, 23rd April, 1874.

Report by Inspector of Forests, Southland District.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Secretary, May 7, 1874).

SOUTHLAND FORESTS.

Commissioner of Crown Lands, Southland.

Invercargill, 28th April, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that the quantity of timber cut this year under the new Regulations, has been for the ten mills now working, as follows, viz:—

January ...	472,239 feet, at a lordship or rental of 3d. per 100 feet,	£59	Os. 5½d.
February ...	538,467 " " " "	67	5 3
March ...	529,852 " " " "	69	4 6
	<u>1,540,558 feet</u>	<u>£192</u>	<u>10 2½</u>

When the twenty saw-mills now in Southland are all in full operation they will employ, on an average, fifteen hands each, or a total of at least three hundred men, whose combined wages will amount to about thirty-six thousand pounds per annum. The quantity of timber cut being over twelve million feet and largely exported, realizing, for distribution over the district, the large sum of about fifty thousand pounds per annum.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the forest is being fairly dealt with and properly utilized. The new timber regulations appear to work well. While they are liberal and workable, they are at the same time such as to enable the Inspector to enforce the proper utilization, and prevent any wasteful destruction of the forests.

It is also gratifying to have to report that there have been no bush fires during the past summer, which has been very much due to the great care exercised by the mill owners, who have expensive plants in the shape of machinery and tramways to maintain.

There are upwards of eight hundred thousand acres of forest in Southland, and nearly all available, which, at the rate of one hundred acres per annum to each of twenty saw-mills, would last for four hundred years. There is, therefore, no reason to apprehend a scarcity of timber, provided the forests are not wantonly destroyed (as there is ample time for a succession of full grown timber) both by preserving the young native plants, and by planting British and other forest trees.

I have, &c.,

DUNCAN M'ARTHUR, Inspector of Forests.

PROGRESS REPORT on the OAMARU HARBOUR WORKS.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Secretary May 12, 1874.)

Chairman Dock Trust to Secretary for Public Works.

Oamaru, May 2, 1874.

The Secretary for Public Works, Dunedin.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward a report on the Oamaru Harbour Works, prepared by Mr. M'Gregor, the engineer, by which you will see that very satisfactory progress is now being made, and that the stability of the wall is now placed beyond a doubt; no portion of the 300 feet already constructed having ever suffered any injury from the various storms which it has withstood.

I have, &c.,

H. J. MILLER,

Chairman Oamaru Dock Works.

REPORT BY ENGINEER.

Rattray-street, Dunedin, April 28, 1874.

To the Chairman of the Oamaru Dock Trust.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the following report on the Harbour Works now being constructed at Oamaru under the management of the Dock Trust:—

As you are aware my complete design for improving the Port of Oamaru consists of two sea walls, enclosing an area of about 70 acres of water, and shortly after the plans and specifications were prepared and submitted to the Trust it was wisely decided that the south wall, or outer breakwater should be commenced first as without this protection no works inside the Harbour could be safely and successfully carried out.

In the year 1871 a contract was entered into with Mr. Walkem for the construction of the breakwater and tramway, and since then the works have been progressing favourably up to the present time. During the first two years the progress was necessarily somewhat slow, on account of the funds at the disposal of the Trust being limited to £6000 per annum, and also the delays that took place in making preparations, and the difficulty in procuring heavy lifting machinery capable of handling the concrete blocks.

Before the actual building of the breakwater could be even started, the tramway from the shingle beach to the stacking ground at the shore end of the wall had to be finished, for the purpose of conveying the shingle and sand for the manufacture of concrete.

The tramway line is cut out of the face of the clay cliff forming the northern face of the Oamaru Cape, and involved some very heavy cuttings and deep bridges across indentations, but now when finished, makes a good substantial piece of railway, and will ultimately connect with the main northern line to the Port.

At the shore end of the breakwater, about half-an-acre of ground has been reclaimed on the top of the reef for the purpose of making stacking ground where the concrete blocks are manufactured and allowed to harden before being finally set in the breakwater. This reclamation is chiefly composed of large basaltic rubble stones procured from a quarry opened out in the Cape, and from the end of the rubble, which terminates at the outer edge of the reef, the concrete wall may be said to commence. From this point the breakwater is built of two rows of concrete blocks, 12 feet long x 6 feet and 7 feet high x 4 feet 6 inches thick, weighing from 25 to 27 tons, with rubble pockets and cross ties in the centre up to about half tide line. Above the rubble level in pockets, the wall is built in one solid mass of con-

crete, deposited in large timber caissons fixed on the top of the wall, some of the masses of concrete weighing over 100 tons.

The steam travelling crane, manufactured by Messrs. Kincaid and M'Queen, answers the purpose admirably for which it was designed. The blocks are lifted from the stacking ground with the greatest of ease and deposited on strong iron trucks; the crane then travels out to the head of the breakwater, lifts the blocks off the trucks, and deposits them in their places in the wall. Three rows of blocks on each side form a pocket, advancing the breakwater seaward about 15 feet; this length can now be completed, during favourable weather, in a fortnight, so that the contractor, with the machinery and appliances he has now at his command, could build about 350 lineal feet of breakwater per annum.

The length now finished is 300 feet from the starting point, and is 6 feet 8 inches above the highest level of a spring tide, and so far the heaviest storms do not appear to have the slightest injurious effect on the breakwater. I think the design has been fairly tested, and I firmly believe that the work will be successfully carried out and answer all the purposes for which it was originally intended, and form a safe harbour at Oamaru.

As I have already suggested, it is now time that some provision was made for beginning to ship goods under the shelter of the breakwater, but in order to accomplish this without interfering with the progress of the works, a separate wharf must be constructed in the position shown on the tracing already submitted to the Trust. This wharf will form a portion of a permanent design for wharfage accommodation behind the breakwater, and I think that every effort should be made by the Trust in order to get even small crafts loaded and discharged at a wharf without the intervention of the clumsy system of boating at present in use. In my opinion the trade of Oamaru and the surrounding districts would be doubled within a very short time if shipping facilities were provided behind the breakwater; and the more knowledge I acquire of the magnificent country of which Oamaru is the centre, the more urgent I see the reasons for pushing on the Harbour Works.

Attached is an approximate statement of the amount paid on the different works and materials to date.

I have, &c.,

JOHN M'GRIGOR, Engineer.

Approximate Estimate of Expenditure to date :—

Description of work	Amount.	Total Amt.
North wall (including cement)	£1132	
South wall (including cement)	11,836	
Reclaimed Ground	1026	
Tramway	3177	
Cement Stores and Offices	779	
Engineering	1350	
Inspector and Office Expenditure... ..	915	
		£20,215
Advance on Plant	£2585	
Cement on Hand	2500	
		£5085
		£25,300

The Funds at the disposal of the Trust are :—

Provincial Government Grant	£20,000
North Otago Public Works Loan	24,000
	£44,000

Report of the Protestant Chaplain to H.M. Gaol, the Hospital, and the Lunatic Asylum.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, May 7, 1874).

To the Provincial Treasurer, Dunedin.

SIR,—I have the honor to lay before you the Report of my labours for the year ending 30th April, 1874. In doing so I have to state that I have acted strictly in accordance with the terms of my appointment, viz., “to give religious instruction to the Protestant inmates” of the three institutions. As there is a sameness in my labours, day after day and year after year, a close similarity in my annual reports is unavoidable.

Throughout the year just closed there has, as in previous years, been the regular round of Sabbath and week-day services and daily visitations. The reception accorded me in all the institutions has been all that could be desired, and facts warrant the belief that under God I have been the means of doing good to many of the large number of persons with whom I have had to deal. This is especially true as regards the inmates of the Hospital, in connection with whom the greatest portion of my time has necessarily been spent. To the more serious cases of illness and the dying, I have given my chief attention; and while many of the cases I have had to attend to, and the scenes I have frequently had to witness have been of an exceedingly distressing nature, it has nevertheless afforded me pleasure to be, by means of the Gospel of Christ, instrumental in soothing the sufferers in their hours of trial.

While I could, if it was desired, detail many cases full of interest, I prefer to give, as in former years, a brief statement of the leading facts, and this, I presume, is what is required of me. I hold Divine Service every Sabbath in each of the three institutions, conduct an additional service in the Hospital on the Thursday evenings, and give three lectures in the Gaol on religious holidays. My visits to the Hospital are daily, to the Gaol three times a week (or oftener when necessary), and to the Lunatic Asylum, as a rule, twice a week, including Sabbath.

Besides, to the best of my ability, performing the religious duties pertaining to my office, I have, as in former years, helped discharged prisoners and patients according to my opportunities. By the opening of the Female Refuge in June last, I have been enabled to use my influence on behalf of the unfortunate class of persons whose recovery is aimed at by that institution, and also on behalf of young unmarried and destitute females who have found their way into the maternity ward of the Hospital. I have great pleasure in stating that the Committee of Refuge have in every instance unhesitatingly responded to the appeals made to them to befriend persons so circumstanced, and that by the prompt and effective action taken, a number of girls have not only been saved from a life of infamy, but restored to their families in the Province and in distant parts of the Colony.

While it has been my earnest aim to act in accordance with the rules of these institutions, I have, in the discharge of my duties, received every consideration from the Governor of the Gaol, the Hospital House Steward, and the Superintendent of the Asylum, and from the subordinate officials of all the institutions.

I have, &c.,

J. A. TORRANCE,

Protestant Chaplain, H. M. Gaol, the Hospital, and the Lunatic Asylum.

Memoranda by Chief Surveyor on the Hundreds and Deferred Payment Blocks Proposed for the Year 1874.

(Referred to in Messages Nos. 8 and 9 of May 18, 1874.)

No. of Run.		Present Area of Runs.	Area of Hundreds.	Names of Hundreds.	REMARKS.	
Contiguous.	132 Bank of N. S. Wales	25,500	10,500	Kaiwera	Includes 2,000 acres on Deferred Payments.	
	102 Trumble's	20,000	20,000	Otaria		" 2,000 "
	78A Tolmie's	14,500	14,500	Waipahi		" 1,400 "
	90 N. Z. and Australian Land Company	29,400	13,300	} Kuriwao.		" 2,600 "
	24A Roberts	3,400	1,300			
Contig.	212 Herbert	33,000	10,800	} Herriot	" 2,600 "	
	178 Roberts	20,000	6,700			
	163 M'Kellar	18,000	2,500			
Total area of Hundreds			79,600	Includes 10,600 a. on deferred payments		

MEMO.

Donald Reid, Esq., Provincial Secretary, Otago.

By a reference to the accompanying map, it will be seen that the proposed Kaiwera, Otaria, Waipahi, and Kuriwao Hundreds, together with the Deferred Payment Block on Run 131, form a compact block of land of 82,600 acres, extending on both sides of the Main South Road from the Wairiki Hundred to the boundary of the Wairuna and Pomahaka Hundreds at Popotunoa Gorge, a distance by the road of about 15 miles.

This country consists of low ranges of hills, well sheltered valleys, and flat downs, all well grassed. One-half of the whole area is arable, and will range from 700 to 1000 feet above the sea level. The hills rise to 1,200 and 15,000 feet, and in the extreme summit points of Wairuna and Kuriwao Peaks, to 1,700 and 2,100 feet above the sea. The country is excellently watered, and the soil is good. In the absence of bush, it is important to note there are several peat mosses. The many miles of substantial sod wall already raised on the ground, show the sort of fencing suitable to the circumstances of the district. The Southern Trunk Railway will be accessible at Clinton, at the bend of the Pukerau, and at Mataura Bridge, at distances varying from 2 to 6 and 12 miles. For settlers occupying 200 acres and upwards the country is well adapted. In the extent proposed to be thrown open, there is room for the settlers to grow into a strong body. With the occupancy of these hundreds the chain of settlement from Waitaki to Riverton will be complete.

The proposed Herriot Hundred covers a considerable portion of the Tapanui Plain, and the ridge and spurs between the Herriot and Spylaw burns for two or three miles, on each side of the Dunrobin Accommodation House. This Hundred adjoins the Crookston Hundred, and is the natural extension of it. The plain will be from 600 to 700 feet above the sea, and the highest point of the ridge is 1500 feet above the same level. A prime field of oats was grown at Dunrobin this season at an elevation of 1250 feet. The surrounding country comprised in the Hundred seems equally fertile. The roads from Tapanui to Teviot, and from Lawrence to Switzers, each run through the Hundred for several miles. There is no available bush on the land, but the bushes on Wooded Hill and along the Tapanui Range are accessible at distances of four to five miles. The sawmills at Tapanui are distant about ten miles.

JAMES M'KERRON, Chief Surveyor.

11th May, 1874.

Deferred Payment Blocks proposed for the Year 1874.

	No. of Run.	Present	Can take	Propose	Remarks.
		size of Run.		to take.	
Outside of Goldfields.	111, M'Nab's	A. 49,000	A. 4,900	A. 4,800	Fronts the north bank of Waikaka for 3 miles, consists of alluvial flats and gentle slopes of good soil. Adjoins the 5,000 acres deferred block recently opened.
	167B, M'Intyre's	21,000	2,100	2,000	On opposite side of Waikaka to Deferred Blocks, on Run 111, and similar to them.
	175A, Logan's	17,000	1,700	1,600	Choice block of land. The Waikoikoi runs down through the middle of it. Each section will have a frontage to river. About 5 miles from Tapanui. Adjoins the 2,600 acres Deferred Block now being settled on.
	131, M'Intyre's	32,000	3,200	3,000	These blocks may be selected contiguous, and will form a most suitable location for a settlement. The Main South Road to Invercargill passes through for some miles. The distance from surveyed line of Southern Trunk Railway is only 5 to 8 miles across easy country.
	102, Trumble's	20,000	2,000	2,000	
	132, Bank of N. S. Wales (Islay Station)	25,500	2,550	2,000	
	90, N. Z. and Australian Land Co.'s	29,400	2,940	2,600	This Block is the country which opens out on the Main South Road, immediately on emerging from the Popotunoa Gorge going south. It is well watered and well grassed. Distant from 2 to 4 miles from Clinton.
	78A, Tolmie's	14,500	1,450	1,400	Consists of flat slopes from the Wairuna Hills, fronting on to the Waipahi River, near the Main South Road, and about 7 or 8 miles from Clinton. Soil good, but lies open to southwest. It will be hardly worth opening this, except in connection with a Hundred.
	212, Herbert's	26,000	2,600	2,600	Is part of the Tapanui Plain. Situate on the banks of Heriot Burn, and along the base of Dusky Range. Intersected by the main road from Tapanui to Lawrence and Teviot. Adjoins Crookston Hundred. Distant 6 to 8 miles from Tapanui.

Deferred Payment Blocks—Continued.

	No. of Run.	Present size of Run.	Can take.	Propose to take.	Remarks.
Within Gold Fields.	328, Fielding's, late Gow's ...	A. 36,000	A. 3,600	A. 2,000	At the head of Wakaia Flat, next the Birch Forest, consists of terrace slopes and river alluvium, the latter intersected by old river channels. The Government have been petitioned to open this land. It could not be done until the runholder had time to exercise his pre-emptive over 640 acres, in terms of Land Act, 1872. This cause of delay is now removed, the pre-emptive having been applied for.
	80, Bell's ...	10,500	1,050	1,000	Part of the proposed Dunback Hundred consists of flat slopes of good soil, running down from Dunback Range towards Shag Valley. It is situate between Macraes Road and M'Cormick's Creek. Has been already surveyed, but survey will require modification to suit Deferred system.
	346, Butement's ...	54,000	5,000	2,500	A flat of very fair soil, 5 miles from the head of Wakatipu Lake. Is situate between the Rees River and Diamond Lake. Adjacent to the Deferred block already opened. The block is already surveyed.
	223, Glassford's ...	76,000	5,000	2,500	Not yet selected.
	Total Area of Deferred Blocks			30,000	

JAMES M'KERROW,

Chief Surveyor.

DONALD REID, Esq.,
Provincial Secretary,
Otago.

REPORTS ON THE OTAGO GOLD FIELDS, FOR 1873-4.

(Laid upon the Table by the Secretary for Gold Fields and Works, April 29. 1874.)

REPORT BY WARDEN SIMPSON—CLYDE.

Statistical Return in terms of Circular No. 75 dated January, 1874, from Secretary of Gold Fields, Dunedin, for year from 31st March, 1873, to 1st April, 1874.

Dunstan District comprising Clyde, Cromwell, Alexandra, Black's, Teviot, and Nevis.

Total population of District, approximately	...	...	...	...	3000
Number of European miners	...	...	...	...	1200
Do. of Chinese miners	...	...	...	...	500
Total	...	...	...	...	1700

Amount of Gold obtained from 31st March, 1873, to 1st April, 1874 ... 48,278ozs.

Number of Reefs at work 13, Viz., Cromwell Company, Elizabeth Company, Star of the East, Heart of Oak, Caledonian, John Bull, New Leader, Young Australian, United, Welsh Buchan's, The Lucknow, Salton's, and The Reliance.

Description and value of machinery on reefs :—

1. Cromwell Company, Bendigo, water-wheel and 10 stampers	...	...	...	£3000
2. Aurora " " " " " " " " " "	...	...	...	1500
3. Alta Company, Bendigo, water-wheel and 10 stampers	...	...	...	1500
4. Royal Standard, Carrick, steam engine and 5 stampers	...	...	...	2000
5. Logan's Battery " " " " " " " " " "	...	...	...	2000
6. The Elizabeth " " " " " " " " " "	...	...	...	2000
7. Star of the East } " " " " " " " " " "	...	...	...	2000
and Heart of Oak }	...	...	...	2000
8. The Lucknow, Turbin wheel, and 5 stampers	...	...	...	1500
9. Conroy's Reef, Alexandra, water-overshot-wheel and 5 stampers	...	...	...	1000
Total value of machinery on reefs	...	...	...	£16,500

The other machinery on the mines consist of water-wheels, dredges, pumps, whims, sluice-boxes, hydraulic hoses, iron piping, trucks, &c, &c. estimated value, say ... £40,000

Estimated number of water-races	...	...	...	200
Estimated mileage of water-races	...	...	...	600
Estimated value of water-races	...	...	...	£60,000

Estimated number of dams	...	...	...	40
Estimated value of dams	...	...	...	£2500

Gold Mining Leases—

Number	...	...	...	12
Acreage	...	...	...	115

Five of those leases are on Quartz Reefs in the Bendigo District, where the operations are of the usual nature in such workings; sinking and driving at depths varying from 50 to 250 feet. Fortunately, more of the ground requires machinery to overcome the water, and very few props are used—perhaps too few—as may be found when more quartz is taken out at the deep levels.

Too much care cannot be taken to support ground by filling up and the use of props and caps. Miners often get too fool-hardy in their confidence of the firmness of the ground, particularly in places like the Carrick and Bendigo where timber becomes a large item in the expense, and dispense with support, endangering their own and the lives of the workmen. Often the danger is seen by the workmen, but fearful of their services being dispensed with, if they make any remark, they remain silent. This is a matter that requires regulating by some sort of official inspection.

Five of the leases are of ground in the neighbourhood of Drybread and Tinker's, where the nature of the works is sluicing—mostly hydraulic,—but only one of the companies, viz., Mr. Greenbank's, may be said to have adopted the more advanced system of hydraulic sluicing, viz., by the use of iron piping, by which so much more pressure can be obtained, and thereby much more stuff driven away through the sluice. Considerable capital may be necessary to procure the iron pipes at the commencement, but, if calculations are gone into, it is wonderful how soon that is saved in canvas, which every sluicer knows eats away a large portion of the profits. Ground quite unpayable with the use of canvas hose can be made remunerative by the use of pipes. It is strange why they are not more used, as well as some of the Californian nosils, particularly the one known as the Monitor.

The two remaining leases are at Alexandra, where the ground is also worked by sluicing with the ordinary ground-sluice without any mechanical means. During the month of March there have been three applications for gold mining leases: one for ground on the Cromwell Reef, Bendigo, adjoining the Reliance Company, taken up by the wages men who worked in the Reliance; a tangible proof of their being in the probable continuance of the lode. The second for ground on the Upper Nevis, where some of the claims have been yielding large returns this summer, but only after considerable capital had been spent in developing. The third is for ground near Tinker's.

Agricultural Leases under the Gold Fields Act and Otago Waste Lands Act:—

Number of Leases	...	...	...	...	195
Area of land taken up under said leases	...	...	...	...	15,502 acres.
Area under crop, say	...	...	...	...	7,500 acres.
Area fenced but not cropped	...	...	...	...	5,000 acres.
Area unimproved	...	...	...	...	3,000 acres.

Revenue.

From Miners' Rights, Business Licenses, &c.	...	...	...	£2137 1s. 3d.
From Gold Mining and Agricultural Leases	...	...	...	1761} 1 0
				<u>£3898 2 3</u>

The revenue from leases seems small in comparison to the area leased, but when it is remembered that none of the lessees who have exchanged their gold fields leases for leases under the Waste Lands Act, are paying rent at present, the leases under the Waste Lands Act not having yet been issued, the comparison is not a proper one.

GENERAL REMARKS.

During the year the population in this district has considerably diminished, owing, I think, chiefly to the great demand for labour in the coastal towns, and more settled neighbourhoods, caused I presume by the public and other works carried on at present. This diminution in population has caused a corresponding dullness on the mines, and now that the uncertain accounts of the Palmer diggings are going the round of the newspapers, I anticipate a still greater dullness in mining. Already a good many miners have left this district for Queensland in the capacity of pioneers, by whose report a great many more are prepared to be guided. It is, therefore, to be hoped that the flood of labour that is being brought to this country may set in, in part to the up-country districts, otherwise all further development of the mines must be suspended and even the existing works be curtailed.

The return of gold cannot be said to have diminished in proportion to the population, and that can be accounted for by the fact that the payable mines are gradually falling into the hands of companies, who diminish the labour as much as possible, the shareholders pocketing the surplus so caused. The individual miner is gradually becoming a mere wages man.

During the year two attempts were made to show proprietors that they were dependent solely on the wages men in the locality, by striking work. The companies stopped work, and the men, thinking they could force them to go on or give up the ground to them, opposed an application to the Warden for protection, but time was given to ascertain the real state of the labour market, and in the meantime matters were adjusted. These attempts, which were the first I ever experienced on the mines, showed to my

mind how dictatorial either party (whether capital or labour) if on the ascendant would be, and forced me to the conclusion that the vexed question of remunerating labour must be made more directly dependent on the immediate results caused by that labour.

Reefs.—There have not been any fresh discoveries, but some of the old ones have been largely developed during the year, and in several instances with wonderful results, as instance the Cromwell Company, the yields from which might have been set down this time last year at nil, is now giving eight ounces to the ton, and has proved the positive existence in the mine of stone, independent of what may be below, of a value of from £20,000 to £30,000. The profits derived by the Company for the last ten months may be set down at from £8000 to £10,000. This Company is in the hands of three individuals. The Elizabeth Company's reef on the Carrick Range may be put down as one that has been successfully developed during the year. This Company, after a long period spent in prospecting, have within the last few months come on very good stone, which, from all appearances, is likely to hold out. This stone is running in quite the opposite direction from what was expected. The Caledonian Reef may also be placed among the successful during the year. The above cases have given an impetus to the other reefs, which, let us hope, will prove equally successful. The only new reefing Companies started during the year are the Reliance and Energetic, both on the Cromwell Reef. The former has found the reef at a depth of 120 feet, certainly thin, but the proprietors are encouraged by the close resemblance it bears to the Cromwell Company's at a similar depth.

Alluvial Workings.—No new discoveries can be said to have been made during the year. As a rule, the alluvial workings continue to yield a good steady wage, but on the Nevis and Wakia some claims have increased their yield from £5 to £30, £40 and £50 a-week, and sometimes more. In the course of another twelve months, I look to a considerable advance in this branch of mining, particularly in the Bannockburn and Waikiri-kiri districts, as in that time the Carrick and Bannockburn Water Race Company will have their water in, as also will Hastie and Co. The Waikiri-kiri ground has now been proved very payably auriferous, Lindsay and Co., having at last completed their races. The races commanding this ground will have a double advantage, for after the water is used on the terraces, it will be available for the banks of the River Molyneux, Dunstan Flat, which banks, if worked after the systematic manner of those on the Teviot Flats, will prove equally remunerative.

River Dredging.—With the exception of one or two in the Teviot district, none of the dredges are at work at present, or have been for some months, and the only really successful one is a paddle one at Miller's Flat worked by the owners. The Pneumatic Company, which has recently been re-floated as a public company intends resuming work at once. The Alexandra Steam Dredge Company is apparently at a stand-still. I hear that a large company is about to be started at the Teviot to dredge by steam power.

Settlement.—This district, the greater portion of which is unfit for agriculture, can never make any great strides in that direction. The Teviot and Blacks are the only places where any large area of ground fit for cultivation exists, and certainly in the former, settlement must be said to have advanced considerably within the last twelve months. Every section fit for cultivation available has been eagerly pounced on. At Blacks some additional land has been leased this season, but chiefly to old settlers. In this district four deferred payment blocks under the Otago Waste Lands Act have been thrown open during the year, viz., Teviot, blocks III and IV., Blacks Tiger Hill, block V., and Hawea, block II.

Block III., Teviot, contains about 1,400 acres, of which about 850 acres have been taken up, the balance being rather indifferent land.

Block IV., Teviot.—No land has been taken up in this block. I presume the reason to be that it is rather hilly and broken, with a good many rocks distributed through it, making cultivation very difficult, even if soil was good. and that is only medium.

Block V., Tiger Hill, contains 2,500 acres—of this about 400 acres have actually been taken up, and 600 acres more under applications not yet dealt with.

Block II., Hawea.—No land has been applied for in this block which is good land but a little short of water. The only reason I can give for its not being applied for is its great distance from any market.

That the deferred payment system is in favour with the people is evidenced by the fact that all the holders of agricultural leases under the Gold Fields Act who could do so, have applied to have applied to have their leases exchanged for leases under the Otago Waste Lands Act, whereby they get the advantage of the deferred payment system.

Independent of the settlement on the blocks since the new Waste Lands Act came into force, there has been a good deal of settlement in a scattered way throughout the district, by miners and others who had, with the consent of the runholders, squatted and cultivated small patches where convenient to their works or for other reasons. In some cases these persons have paid as high as £3 an acre to acquire the freehold. The runholder's consent was required by the Board in all these cases, and as a rule it has invariably been given. Some 200 acres have been taken up in this way.

W. LAURENCE SIMPSON, Warden.

REPORT BY WARDEN STRATFORD—NASEBY.

Warden's Office, Naseby, Mount Ida,

31st March, 1874.

Secretary for Gold Fields, Dunedin.

SIR,—I have the honour to report on the Mount Ida District, under my charge, for the year ending the 31st March, 1874. Of the 14 distinct mining localities, viz., Naseby, Maerewhenua, St. Bathans, Kyeburn, Macrae's, Hamilton, Serpentine, Hyde, Blackstone Hill, Sowburn, Rough Ridge, Shag Valley, Cambridge, and Garibaldi, six are visited periodically, and in seven I hold Courts: viz., twice a month at St Bathans; once a month at Hamilton, Hyde, and Macraes; once in two months at Maerewhenua; and once a quarter at Serpentine. The only changes I contemplate in these visits are that when the races at Maerewhenua are completed, it will be necessary to station a Receiver there, and that the Warden will be obliged to visit once a month. When the sludge channel is completed at St. Bathans, visits will have to be made more often. At the present time I travel about 260 miles a month to hold Courts.

The seasons have, on the whole, been favourable for sluicing, which is the special phase of mining industry in this district. Water has been tolerably abundant. The winter of 1873 was perhaps rather longer than usual, but the frosts were by no means constant nor severe, and falls of snow late in the season served to secure supplies of water to the reservoirs well into the summer. But although nature has been thus gracious, the past year has not been a prosperous one for this district, but rather to the contrary as far as mining is concerned. The reason being that the numerous public works in operation in various parts of the Province have attracted men away who would otherwise have remained here, ready to take advantage of full supplies of water as they became available. I refer particularly to the class of miners who work for wages, but even claim-owners have been induced to seize the advantage of steady wages at high rates on public works. By this means the mining population (particularly in the neighbourhood of Naseby) has become considerably reduced.

However, the decrease of population can only be looked upon as temporary; for, as the public works verge towards completion, men will again resort to the old familiar occupation of gold-mining.

The great public works in this vicinity are the Naseby sludge channel, and the water-race from the Manuherikia River, which, when finished, will restore Naseby to the prosperous position it once before enjoyed, when the water-race companies first discharged their water into Hogburn Gully.

Since the commencement of the public works here, doubts have been expressed as to the results; but if the sludge channel is brought up at a depth sufficient to work the payable auriferous ground down Hogburn gully (and it can be) I have no hesitation in expressing a decided opinion that as soon as the Government water-race has performed its first duty of scouring the valley of the tailings that for years have choked up many rich basins and gullies of gold—despised in the early days on account of the still richer terraces—men will set to work with a will into ground well preserved under a great depth of sludge—will cut up tail-races into the terraces bordering the Hogburn, and work claims alongside the sludge-channel to advantage for a distance of two or three miles on its course. The ground has been proved, and if the channel is deepened (for all depends on this) as it ought to be, the Government will have reason to be satisfied with the investment.

It is not at Naseby alone that the benefit of the race will be enjoyed, but at different places along its course; diggings will spring up where gold is known to be in payable quantities for sluicing, but to which water has not been brought because the expense would have been beyond private enterprise: but now that water runs by, the ground will become enhanced in value. I would here remark upon a somewhat singular fact worthy of attention to geologists, but especially by the miners for practical purposes. It is that on all the neighboring ranges, viz., Rock-and-Pillar, Lammerlaw, Rough Ridge (on both sides), Raggedy Ridge, Blackstone Hill and Mount Ida, rich finds of gold have been discovered all at the same level—the same height above the sea—and as the diggings have extended, they have done so at the same level, losing value above and below (strange to say the same rule applies in regard to heavy dead timber). This discovery should encourage belief in a run of gold on all the bluffs and gullies under the course of the race that are of the same levels and correspond in appearance with Naseby, Hamilton's, &c., &c.

The want of a large block of arable land is much felt by the inhabitants, who, with growing families, begin to pine for homesteads with gardens, orchards, grass, oat paddocks, and such comforts so indispensable for domesticated people. It is this want that makes Naseby so purely a mining township, and its inhabitants unsettled. A change for the better could be brought about by the opening of land for the purpose, but it would considerably depreciate the value of the pastoral tenants' lease. I consider it fair to mention this in justice to a class that has done so much in its day towards settlement, and the opening up of the country.

Water! Water! is the cry everywhere, and capital to direct it around those rugged rocky ranges. At Mount Burster, on the summit of Mount Ida ranges, where the snow lodges from ten to thirty feet deep for six months each year, and owing to the frosts the miners can only work four months in the year, so rich is the yield of gold that six weeks washing up is sufficient to repay for eight months com-

plete idleness, and give the claimholders besides a handsome return. One man alone at that place has been about seven years in bringing in a race from Mount Domett at a cost of nearly £2500, and he cheerfully looks forward before another year has passed to have completed his race, and extracted from his claim the amount of his expenditure and probably three times as much besides, and Mount Burster is not a singular spot of fabulous wealth.

The *Maerewhenua* gold field, immediately on the other side of the Mount Ida range, and scarcely twenty miles from Mount Burster, has all the attractions possible for a large population; a beautiful healthy climate, where trees, plants, and flowers of all descriptions thrive most luxuriantly; where sickness in families is scarcely known; where, from an elevated plateau, can be seen the broad Waitaki winding its course through an extensive plain for forty miles to the ocean, and the ocean itself at that great distance lends enchantment to the view. Truly scenery is only an acquisition, a luxury in New Zealand, and will not keep together a population, and even health, thriving plants and fruit though desiderata are not sufficient to create a city, but fortunately there are other essentials in abundance in that really beautiful place to form out of the present nucleus of a township a large inland town as it will eventually be against all obstacles. Firstly, there is a great extent of rich arable land, exclusive of 40,000 acres freehold (the property of Messrs. Borton and M'Master), said to be worth £5 per acre. Secondly, there is a run of gold pretty evenly sprinkled over an area within a radius of four to five miles from the township as a centre. In the richest finds as much as 70 ozs. have been sluiced by three men in six weeks. In the poorest claims, miners are sharing from £5 to £6 a week each, yet the population is very small, and no likelihood of an increase for at least a year. This can be easily explained—the same reason, I have no doubt can be given by all the Wardens in New Zealand—it is that the day for poor men's diggings has nearly gone by, and we are on the eve of a new era, one that Victoria has experienced, viz., gigantic operations, and comparatively safe investments for capitalists. An account of the result of such investments at the *Maerewhenua* Field, and plain figures will best help to confirm my statement in regard to that place, and to my knowledge, equally applies to many other mining districts with which I am familiarly acquainted.

To prove the richness of these diggings I will mention that the few miners, perhaps thirty all told, actually mining (though there are others cutting races) have sold about 1000 ozs. of gold during the last twelve months, with an indifferent supply of water, continual cessation of mining operations owing to the incompleteness of the water races, and the interrupted supply from the feeders. In regard to the races now in course of construction, the first one is the *Mosquito*, with first rights to the *Maerewhenua* River, 27 miles long. The owners are building two immense reservoirs, which, when finished, will enable them to sluice the highest ground on that field. The *Mount Pisgol* race, with first rights to the *Kakanui* is progressing fast; the Company is receiving aid under the Public Works Act. The *Golden Hill* race, when completed, will be 17 miles long, and to carry it into *Maerewhenua* diggings it will be necessary to erect 20 chains of box fluming, a suspension fluming of 4 chains, and a tunnel of 80 feet blasted through rock. The *Maerewhenua* Company has cut ten miles of its race, and the *Band of Hope* Company has nearly completed its works. On the north side of the *Maerewhenua* there are several large races, viz., the *Ben Lomond*, the *Fiery Cross*, the *Little Wonder*, *How and Party's* and *M'Cann and Party's*. When all these races and their discharge dams are completed there will be steady employment for about 300 miners, to which number there may be added, almost necessarily, the same number of heterogeneous who invariably follow in the wake of the sons of toil. These calculations are based upon the supply of water now approaching the ground, the yields hitherto obtained with a limited water supply, the prospects gained in many different places, the success of the small farmers and gardeners, and the genial climate.

In regard to the capital that has been, and will be expended, to bring about a township of 600 persons I may mention that £20,000 is rather under the mark. Of this sum the *Mosquito* has (with three years labour) spent £4000, the *Golden Hill*, £3900, and the other races will cost (it is estimated) about £200 a mile.

At the present time there is a check upon mining operations at this place, owing to an impending action against *How and Party* by Messrs. *Borton and M'Master*, the freeholders, through whose land the river runs, and which has been polluted, "it is stated," by *How's* mining operations, to the detriment of sheep washing at certain seasons.

I do not anticipate any serious inconvenience to the miners should it become necessary to leave the river undisturbed, as it would only be for a short period once a year, and it would be practicable, I think, if agreed upon, to carry a race of clear water to the dip from different streams independent of the *Maerewhenua*. I do not desire to comment upon the principle involved. I therefore confine myself to facts relating to the obstacles and prospects of this gold field, which I repeat will be in a few years, one of the most picturesque and stirring inland gold fields' towns of Otago. In about a year the nearest railway station will be only ten miles from the township, which will bring *Dunedin* within six or seven hours communication of *Maerewhenua*. The inhabitants will then read newspapers but a few hours old, and get *Newcastle* coal at about £3 10s. a ton.

At *St. Bathans* there is at present a small population, perhaps 200 persons, but a sludge channel is about to be constructed from the *Manuherikia* River, three miles up, to a large extent of auriferous ground unused at present, so choked is the outlet with tailings. The ground in question has been well prospected, and is known to be fairly payable for sluicing. There will be water in abundance, and employment for another 150 persons added to the present population. It will take two years to construct it, will cost perhaps £1000 a mile, but I believe the washings of the sludge will almost, if not quite, pay the cost, as the constructors proceed, as there will be an accumulation of auriferous dirt of ten years standing.

St. Bathans is purely a mining township, but (like old Bendigo Gully on the north side of Dunstan ranges) its treasures are inexhaustible.

The *Kyeburn* diggings have been steadily retrograding during the past year, owing to a rather scanty supply of water, the poverty of the ground, and the expenses in keeping the races in repair. There is nevertheless a large extent of auriferous ground that will be considered payable enough when £2 a week become recognised as a fair week's return. The bed of the *Kyeburn* River is thought to contain such ground as I have described, but so covered and surfeited with tailings as not to make it worth while to remove them, but fortunately the *Kyeburn* is subject to heavy floods, and as soon as sluicing ceases at the head of the river the scouring of the water courses will open out a new and by no means poor diggings. The *modus operandi* is almost entirely ground sluicing, but the samples of gold prove that there are quartz reefs in the neighbourhood. *Kyeburn* recently has been better known for its coal than its gold, for *Naseby* has been for sometime almost entirely supplied from the *Kyeburn* pits. The country is streaked with splendid seams of coal lying at an angle of 45° with the horizon—breadth of seam 5 to 15 feet. They all run in the same direction about 10° $21'$ east of the meridian. As firewood is so scarce at *Naseby*, the recent discoveries of good coal at *Kyeburn* will prove most invaluable.

None of the Quartz reefs in the district are being worked at present, but it is generally believed that those at *Rough Ridge*, as well as *Shag Valley*, will yet prove remunerative, though not pay great dividends.

The miners at *Hamilton*, *Hyde*, and *Macraes* are for the most part old settlers, who have their cultivated paddocks, gardens, and substantial houses, with all the appearance of permanent settlement. I have no doubt these men have in hand many years' work, perhaps sufficient for their life time; but I do not hear of any new kind being opened, nor signs of encouragement for new comers; and the townships are most unattractive looking spots, with their huge gaps of old worked ground, and conglomerated piles of debris and tailings.

In concluding my report I would draw attention to a class of settlers that is, unobtrusively and without expense to the country, doing more than any other to its advancement and settlement—more especially to be regarded at the present time while the Government considers it wise to grant free passages (at a cost probably of £15 per head) to adult immigrants, whose security for remaining in the Colony is not to be compared to that of the class referred to. I speak of the married men and women. The former, be they miners, tradesmen, or of the four professions, while working themselves by mental or manual labour, are rearing young families to take a permanent and responsible position in *New Zealand's* future. The girls are being taught to sew, cook, and perform all kinds of domestic labour, with due regard to accomplishments; and the boys, also, while undergoing a course of education, are being taught to be independent by learning trades and a knowledge of field pursuits such as ploughing, sowing, and fencing. These young people, many hundreds of whom, although not counted in the estimates of mining population, are growing into women and manhood and acquiring a taste for domestic life, and are beginning to influence the actions and movements of their elders. Sons and daughters getting married are causing parents to invest their means in establishing themselves near their offspring; and many a township once almost deserted is again reviving—owing its success, its *Athenæum*, its public library, and literary institution to the efforts of families who, finding their numbers increasing so fast, have been obliged to make permanent homes for themselves, though too often without having originally so intended. In *Naseby* alone there are about 250 children, and in comparison with the adults the other townships in the district are equally well supplied.

Another benefit to the Colony at large, and the mining population in particular, is being conferred, I observe, by the increasing number of breweries. The labour of mining is so great a tax on the constitution, requiring (it is argued) stimulants to counteract the evil effects of continual working in water, and the habit of imbibing strong drinks so prevalent on the *Gold Fields*, that it will only be by gradual means the slaves to alcohol can be emancipated, and the vile dens where poisoned decoctions are bottled and capsuled to entrap unwary victims into nets that grip their bodies and souls, can be extirpated. The brewers are becoming the middlemen between drunkenness and abstinence, and consequently benefactors to society, as they are encouraging a taste for a far less pernicious beverage, free or nearly free from drugs (if their periodical declarations on registration can be relied on). And I am rejoiced to say men are beginning to prefer beer for their meals to spirits and bad wine. It is to be hoped that this directing influence will lead to the adoption of still milder refreshments, when it is remembered how many families have suffered, how much terrible affliction has ensued, how many lives have been lost through the intolerable curse that has for so many years pervaded the colonies.—I have, &c.,

H. A. STRATFORD, Warden.

MOUNT IDA DISTRICT, OTAGO.

Return for the Year ending 31st March, 1874.

Entire population: As census returns are now at *Dunedin*, and I should have to delay sending this

for some time to collect the information, I have thought it better to send the Return without the information required.

Miners:—Europeans, 1280 ; Chinese, 325.

Amount of Gold obtained from 1st April, 1873, to 1st April, 1874:—19,933 ozs. 3 dwts.

Quartz Reefs at work :—None.

Description and Value of Machinery:—4 steam engines of 54 horse power ; 5 crushing machines, 30 stamp heads ; 1 water wheel ; altogether valued at about £6000.

Water Races :—Number 243 races ; total length 972 miles. Value, £107,200.

Dams :—Number of, 122 dams. Value, £16,550.

Mining Leases :—Number, 18 mining leases. Nature of operation :—Nearly 134 acres principally worked by ground sluicing. The few acres of quartz reef are not being worked.

Agricultural Leases :—14 agricultural leases ; area, 6457 acres, 3 roods, 23 poles. Probably more than half under cultivation ; (but having only had charge of the district the last two months, I have not been able to collect the information required.)

Revenue and Sources :—

Gold Fields Revenue	...	...	...	...	£2220	14	3
Fees and Fines under R.M. and other Acts and Ordinances	...	...	...	...	225	8	8
Licensing Revenue	...	...	...	...	558	2	6
					<u>£3004</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

H. A. STRATFORD, Warden.

PORT CHALMERS RAILWAY.

(REPORT OF, AND EVIDENCE TAKEN BY, SELECT COMMITTEE ON,)

Brought up by Mr. M'Dermid, May 19, 1874.

[ORDER OF REFERENCE.—*Ordered*—That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Fish, Mr. H. Clark, Mr. Oliver, Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. M'Kenzie, and the Mover, to enquire into the management and the carrying capacity of the Port Chalmers Railway, and to report within eight days; said Committee to have power to call for persons and papers.—*Mr. M'Dermid, May 6.*]

REPORT.

Your Committee has now to report, having carefully considered the remit made to it, and that it has, after a most searching investigation, arrived at the following conclusions, viz.—

1st. That up to the present time the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway has not given satisfaction to importers or exporters, or to the public generally, and has not carried nearly the quantity of goods it might have done.

2nd. That this state of things has resulted from the following causes:—

- 1st. Inefficient management.
- 2nd. Want of additional shed accommodation.
- 3rd. Want of sufficient rolling stock.
- 4th. Want of additional Engines, piers, cranes, &c.

The evidence taken by your Committee shows that were the above wants supplied, the Port Chalmers line could easily overtake the whole of the import and export trade of the Province for years to come.

The approximate cost of providing these requisites would be as follows:—

1,000 feet of additional Jetty	...	...	...	£20,000
Loop Line ($\frac{1}{4}$ -mile)	...	...	...	1,500
140 New Trucks	...	...	...	14,000
4 New Engines	...	...	...	10,000
Cost of Cranes	...	...	...	3,000
				£48,500
Shed Accommodation—say	...	...	...	5,500
				£54,000

For the above expenditure, Mr. Conyers (Railway Manager) says he could run easily twenty trains each way per day, each train conveying 100 tons, or 2,000 tons per day, or 600,000 tons each way, making in all 1,200,000 tons per annum. Mr. Conyers further says that, during the months of February and March, the line carried 16,000 tons; but that this was above the average. But assuming it to be a fair average, the present traffic would amount to 96,000 tons per annum, or less than one-twelfth of what the line, when in proper working order, is capable of doing. It must however be observed that, to overtake the whole of the present export and import trade of the Province, an expenditure not exceeding £25,000 or £30,000 is all that would be required.

By a reference to the Report of the Sub-Committee on the Deepening of the Upper Harbour, it will be seen that it estimates the present export and import trade of the Province at 230,000 tons per annum, and, even if this estimate is correct (which your Committee is inclined to doubt), it will be seen that the Railway is capable of carrying more than four times that quantity—a sufficient margin, in the opinion of your Committee to meet the requirements of the Province for many years to come.

In conclusion, your Committee recommends that the evidence taken by it be printed, and commends it to the earnest consideration of the Council.

H. M'DERMID, Chairman.

Dunedin, 19th May, 1874.

EVIDENCE.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON FRIDAY, 8TH MAY, 1874.

Mr. D. ROLFE, General Manager of Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, attended, and was examined as follows:—

By the CHAIRMAN,—

Is the Pier accommodation at Port Chalmers sufficient for the berthing of all the vessels frequenting the Port?—Ans. No; not nearly sufficient.

When the new wharf is finished, will the accommodation be sufficient?—Ans. I think not.

How many ships will it accommodate?—Ans. Three heavy draught ships, if it can be dredged to a sufficient depth, and two or three smaller vessels at the shore end.

Have you any doubt about the practicability of dredging it?—Ans. The only doubt I have is hearing, when the borings were taken, that two or three formidable boulders were discovered.

Is there sufficient room at the Port for the construction of further pier accommodation?—Ans. Yes; between the present Railway Pier and the old Port Chalmers Pier.

Would the erection of the pier just indicated provide sufficient accommodation for the probable amount of shipping likely to visit the Port within a considerable time?—Ans. I believe it is possible to run a pier out at the place indicated 1000 feet long without going into the tidal current, which I think would be sufficient to accommodate the import and export trade for a considerable time.

By Mr. H. CLARK,—

Should more accommodation be required, in the event of a large increase in the shipping, is there room for still further pier accommodation?—Ans. I am of opinion that a pier could be run out from Boiler Point, about 2000 feet long.

By the CHAIRMAN,—

Have you plenty of trucks for carrying on the present trade?—Ans. I have not. I have only 60 trucks, and ought to have at least double that number to do the work satisfactorily even at present.

Did you ever try what the haulage power of the engines is?—Ans. Yes. I calculated that there were at least 180 tons attached when a trial was made, which, however, did not nearly exhaust the traction power.

Have you sufficient shed accommodation at Dunedin; or, if not, how much more would you require?—Ans. There is not enough. Would require double the import shed accommodation at Dunedin, and at least 400 feet of an export shed in Dunedin also.

Is there room enough for such additional sheds?—Ans. There is ample space.

By Mr. OLIVER,—

Would it not be necessary to have shed accommodation at Port Chalmers; and, if so, to what extent?—Ans. Yes. I consider that the reclaimed land, now under formation inside the new wharf, would, in my opinion, have to be covered with sheds.

By Mr. H. CLARK,—

You mention in your Report that you “see no reason why the line, with say about quarter of a mile of loop lines, should not be capable of performing the whole of the import and export trade of the Province”?—Ans. I am still of that opinion.

Why do you recommend that one half of the trade be given to Messrs Guthrie to lighter, by taking ship and ship about?—Ans. The reason I made this recommendation was because some importers of goods by nearly every vessel order their freight to be sent by lighter, and some by Railway. This division of cargo greatly retards the working of cargo at the pier, and puts the line to considerable disadvantage and expense.

What is the reason why some importers prefer the lighters?—Ans. One reason is that the lighters carry at a smaller freight, and another is, that in consequence of the limited shed accommodation we

cannot deliver the goods so speedily as we ought to to warrant the extra charge. I am of opinion, however, that importers would prefer the Railway, even at the extra charge, if these facilities were afforded.

By Mr. OLIVER,—

What alteration in the line would be necessary to enable night trains to be run?—Ans. Some of the banks on the line would require to be further sloped, and distant and station signals erected, all of which plant is now in possession of the Government. It would be necessary also to erect the Telegraph for use of the line, which is also in the possession of the Government.

Is it not usual in England to run heavy goods trains mostly during the night?—Ans. Yes; to a great extent it is so, but intermediate trains are also run.

DANL. ROLFE.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH MAY, 1874.

Mr. WILLIAM CONYERS, General Manager of the Otago Railways, attended and stated as follows:—

I came here first in January, and made my first Report about the end of the month. I had occasion to return to Southland frequently. On my second visit, about February last, I made a more complete Report, and in April received the appointment of General Manager of the Otago Railways. I did not find the working of the line in a satisfactory state; the principal deficiencies were shed accommodation in Dunedin, pier accommodation at Port Chalmers, and wagons. I agree with Mr. Rolfe's evidence so far as shed and pier accommodation and rolling stock are concerned. I think it is possible to carry the present import and export trade of Dunedin by means of the present line of Railway. The adoption of the plans of Dunedin Station Yard, now lying in the District Engineer's Office, would, so far as the station yard accommodation in Dunedin is concerned, be sufficient. A double line would require to be laid about half a mile long about midway.

About 140 more trucks would be required. The pier would require to be made sufficient to accommodate the shipping required at the Port, but Captain Thomson will be better able to speak of this.

Twenty trains from each end per day might be run with ease, provided the before-mentioned improvements be carried out, and the necessary signals and telegraphs erected to enable trains to run at night.

If the goods can be put in the trucks, 100 tons per train, on an average, might be carried, or say 2000 tons per day. To enable this to be done I should require four more engines equal in power to those in present use.

The junction of the Northern Line with the Port Chalmers Line would interfere with the above calculation to a limited extent. I think from £2000 to £3000 would cover the cost of construction of the half mile of Railway alluded to. The cost of the trucks necessary (140) would be about £14,000, and that of the engines (4) about £10,000. I may state that the necessary shed accommodation in Dunedin is now being erected by the General Government.

WM. CONYERS.

Captain WILLIAM THOMSON, Harbour Master, attended, and stated as follows:—

The pier accommodation at present is not at all equal to the requirements of the Port, even with the new wharf. I consider that there should be an extension of the present pier about 200 feet in a line with Observation Point; then another pier running parallel with the present Railway Pier, about half way between it and the Dock the same length as the present pier when extended, or 1000 feet. Even with such additions there would be vessels left in the channel for want of pier accommodation. To provide further accommodation it would be necessary to take the wharf round Observation Point, as it would not be necessary to deepen there. About 1000 feet more accommodation could in this way be secured; and, if further accommodation were required, other 2000 more could be got in the same direction without dredging, and it is sheltered from the prevailing strong winds. A pier could also, if necessary, be formed at Boiler Point about 2000 feet long. For a considerable time to come there is ample room in Port Chalmers for all pier accommodation likely to be required.

I do not apprehend any difficulty in dredging alongside the wharf which is now being constructed.

WM. THOMSON, Harbour Master.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON 13TH MAY, 1874.

Mr. H. B. DONALDSON, of Victoria, Merchant, attended, and stated as follows :—

I am well acquainted with the working of Railways in Victoria and Queensland. In the latter, the gauge is similar to that used on the Port Chalmers Railway. I think the construction of your line and rolling stock is very fair, but the appliances for properly working it are very deficient in shed accommodation. To give security to the merchants you want the ground round the station properly protected by fencing. It would greatly convenience merchants, and also tend to increase largely the traffic of the line, were some of these sheds converted into temporary bonds for the purpose of examining the goods. This system is successfully carried out in Victoria on the Hobson's Bay line, and also on the Government line. A large shed is required alongside the wharf at Port Chalmers, for receiving and dumping wool. With us, in Victoria, the stevedores erect these sheds at their own cost, under certain regulations made by the Government.

I noticed a great loss of labour power in discharging cargo at this end of the line, from the want of suitable travelling cranes. One 5-ton and two 2-ton cranes are indispensable, I consider. I am of opinion that you require much larger pier accommodation than you have. The piers should also be wider than they now are.

To enable you properly to work the line you would require about a quarter of a mile of double line about half way, at some convenient part ; it is also necessary to erect a telegraph for the use of the line. I am well acquainted with the working of the Hobson's Bay Railway ; it is a double line, and the passenger traffic being very large—sometimes 70,000 per day—they have to use both lines, but for the purposes of goods traffic they use only one line as a rule. On this line they work day and night when necessary. Your present line, I consider, if properly worked, and with all necessary appliances, would be able to carry, at least 1000 tons per day.

ON THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 1874.

Mr. D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer, attended and stated as follows :—

I will forward the information required by the Committee this afternoon.

The cost of the jetty proposed by Mr. Rolfe, extending from the shore at the site of the old jetty about 1000 feet, in a parallel line with the present Railway Pier, would be at the rate of £20 per running foot, or, say £20,000.

The General Government is now providing the shed accommodation required. A lie of about 1000 feet in length would cost about £1500. I think that, to all intents and purposes, as far as the present traffic is concerned, this lie would be equally efficient as a double line.

I was Engineer for the promoters of this line during its construction, and subsequently Inspecting Engineer on behalf of the Government. The engines are capable of hauling at least 200 tons, exclusive of their own weight. I was on the engine at the time a trial was made of its tractive power. I estimated the gross weight of the train at 208 tons, exclusive of the engine's own weight, which did not exhaust its power.

There are 60 goods trucks belonging to the Railway at present, 12 passenger carriages, and a passenger and a goods break van. Each truck weighs $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons, and is capable of carrying three times its own weight ; but I should say 6 tons is sufficient weight to put on trucks.

If a lie such as I have recommended be provided, I see no reason why three times the number of trains should not be run.

I do not think that the wharf at present being erected would give sufficient additional pier accommodation ; but if the other pier proposed to be carried out 1000 feet were erected, I think then there would be sufficient, with the improvements at present being carried out by the Provincial Government, for present requirements, and probably for a number of years. Shunting by locomotive power on the wharf would be a great improvement on the present system. The present shunting accommodation is very limited. The Mussel Bay reclamation might be made available for accommodating goods trucks when loaded, so as to relieve the pressure upon the present shunting ground.

Before night trains could be run with safety, I consider distant and station signals and a system of telegraphy should be erected, but no further expense would be necessary, so far as the construction of works is concerned. The junction of the Port Chalmers line with the Northern Trunk line would not materially affect any calculations as to the capabilities of the line.

D. L. SIMPSON.

Mr. HUGH M'NEIL, of the firm of Messrs. A. Briscoe and Co., Dunedin, attended and stated as follows:—

We have been in the habit of getting goods by the Port Chalmers Railway. As a rule we have not had prompt delivery of our goods. At present we are getting our goods more promptly delivered. We have suffered very large money losses through damage to goods at the railway station through exposure, the result of want of proper shed accommodation.

If the Railway was in proper working order, and afforded the same accommodation as Railways at Home, we should very much prefer railway to lighters for the bringing of our goods, even with the present difference of freight.

HUGH M'NEIL.

Mr. ROBERT GLENDINNING, of the firm of Messrs. Ross and Glendinning, Dunedin, attended and stated as follows:—

We have been in the habit of getting goods by the Port Chalmers Railway. We have not found it to answer better than the lighters. We have to complain of the delay in delivering our goods that come by rail. We have found frequently that our goods, to a considerable value, lay in the sheds for several days, and in one case for weeks. When the shed was in this state, and we were applying in vain for goods that we much needed, we were served with a notice from the Railway authorities, that unless our goods were removed from the trucks, rent would be charged. With our overland packages there was always great confusion and delay, and their value depends on their prompt despatch. We have also had considerable trouble in shipping goods by coastal steamers, the time for receiving being limited to some hours before coastal steamers sail. When we have sent down goods early enough, they have been short-shipped, and we have had to accept from the steamer's agent as a reason, the bungling of the Railway. As we found that we could not depend upon the Railway, we have been obliged to get our goods brought up by lighter, towed by a steamer at a cost of 6s. per ton, and have found this much more advantageous. Even suppose the rate of railway freight was reduced to 4s., as proposed by the manager, this would prove no inducement to us except in the case of unimportant shipments. If the delivery was prompt, we would prefer the Railway even at a higher cost of freight, because that our goods being so valuable, we would require prompt delivery.

R. GLENDINNING.

ON MONDAY, 18TH MAY.

Mr. WILLIAM CONYERS, General Manager of the Otago Railways, attended and further stated as follows:—

By the CHAIRMAN,—

Is there any urgent necessity for travelling cranes or other plant, not formerly mentioned by you, in order to carry on the business of the line properly?—Ans. Yes; travelling and fixed cranes required. I should say about £3,000 would be required for providing plant of that nature. I know the Government are importing a large number of trucks, and these will be available for the Port Chalmers line.

During the months of February and March, 16,000 tons of goods were carried on the line, or 8,000 tons per month. This is, however, above the average.

There has been a loss to the Department through the want of pier accommodation at the Port—as, for instance, when ships are loading wool in the stream, the Government has to pay 1s. per bale for shipping them, one-half what they receive.

WM. CONYERS.

REPORT ON THE OTAGO UNIVERSITY FOR 1873-4.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Secretary May 15, 1874.)

University of Otago, 25th April, 1874.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

SIR,—I have the honor, in conformity with the provisions of the Otago University Ordinance, to forward, on behalf of the Council of the University of Otago, a Report for the year ending 31st March, 1874.

The Session opened on the 1st May, 1873, under circumstances quite as favourable as could have been anticipated; the number of students being 70, equal to that of the previous Session.

The following statement shews the attendance on the Classes :—

Number of Students	...	...	1872.	...	1873.
			70		70
English Literature	...	...	7	...	4
Latin	...	...	23	...	20
Greek	...	...	9	...	8
Mathematics	...	...	30	...	24
Mental and Moral Philosophy	...	...	9	...	12
Natural Science	...	...	33	...	29
Law	...	...		...	18
			111	...	115

It may be considered a matter for congratulation that as against 7, who matriculated in 1872, we have 12 for the Session of 1873.

The attendance on the classes generally has not been quite up to that of the preceding Session; it is, however, gratifying to observe an increase in that of Mental and Moral Philosophy. In the Laboratory class also there has been an increase. The course of lectures on Common Law by Mr. Stout has been well attended. Great efforts have been made to appoint a second Law Lecturer, but it has been found necessary to wait for another year.

The Session of 1874 will be opened with an addition to the staff; Captain Hutton, F.G.S., having during the recess, been appointed Lecturer on Geology and Zoology. For the ensuing Session Captain Hutton will confine his attention to Geology and Palæontology, taking up Zoology next year.

Your Honor will be gratified to learn that, in December last, the Council decided to proceed in the matter of the establishment of a Medical School and forwarded instructions to Mr. Auld, the Provincial Government Agent, in Britain, to take steps for the selection of a duly qualified Professor of Anatomy and Physiology. The Council have since given much consideration to the various matters connected with the formation of a Medical School, and they believe that in the Session of 1875 such classes will be commenced. It is gratifying to note that the University Court of the University of Edinburgh have agreed to recognise the lectures of Dr. Black in the subject of Systematic and Practical Chemistry, and the Council have every reason to believe that a similar course will be pursued in regard to other lectures in which such recognition may be necessary.

The Council has had its attention directed to the expediency of allowing absent members to vote by proxy—a privilege accorded by the New Zealand University Act to the members of the Council of that University. Considering that some of our members reside at such a distance from Dunedin as to render it impracticable for them to be present at many of the meetings; that others, annually go to Wellington to attend to their Legislative duties; and, that it is advisable that the Council on all important matters

should have the benefit of the advice and support of all its members, they have given instructions to their Solicitor to prepare a Bill to amend the present Ordinance in this respect.

Your Honor is aware that during the late Session of the General Assembly, a Petition was presented to both Houses of the Legislature, requesting them to recommend that a Royal Charter should be granted to this University. On the 11th September, Mr. Bradshaw, a member of the House of Representatives, urged the adoption of the Petition, but was not fortunate enough to secure that full measure of support which the Council had reason to expect. Subsequently, on the 15th September, a resolution was passed by the House of Representatives, by which the revenues, derived from the New Zealand University Reserves made in the respective Provinces, were to be devoted to the promotion of superior education within such Provinces, until such time as reserves of equal extent were made by all the Provinces throughout the Colony. We regret to learn that some difficulty has arisen which prevents our University receiving any revenue from the Reserves made in the late Province of Southland, which alone, of all the Provinces, had no less than 10,000 acres of valuable land appropriated for New Zealand University purposes.

Attempts were made during the same Session to effect an amalgamation of the two Universities on the following basis:—

“ University of Otago to be still called a University, and to have a Chancellor—otherwise, affiliation to be thorough.

“ The Otago University to abandon its application for an Imperial Charter and its power to confer degrees, to affiliate Colleges, and to create a Senate: In consideration of the following, viz.—

“ That the University of Otago retains its title, its endowments, and its powers granted to it by its own Ordinance, excepting the powers described in the preceding clause.

“ That on affiliation to the New Zealand University it receive towards its support £500 of the £3000 granted by Act, without prejudice to its sharing in the revenues arising from land endowments, and without prejudice to its sharing in Fellowships, Scholarships, and other competitions open to affiliated Institutions.”

These endeavours,—endorsed by the Council, the General Government, and, in their main features, by the Chancellor of the New Zealand University; and, also, accepted by your Honor, appeared likely to be attended with the desired success; when the resolution of the Otago Executive, urging the Superintendent to press for a Royal Charter, rendered it inexpedient to continue the negotiations, or to bring in a Bill to carry out what was agreed to.

On the 2nd of March of the present year, the following telegram from the Board of Governors of Canterbury College was received by the Vice-Chancellor:—

“ I forward resolution passed to-day by Board of Governors of Canterbury College as follows:—
“ That it is desirable to apply for affiliation to the University of New Zealand, but that, as a preliminary to such application, the Board of Governors open communication with the governing body of the University of Otago to ascertain if the University and the College can arrange to take common action in applying for affiliation.

“ Will you receive deputation on Monday next ?

“ JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS,

“ Chairman Board of Governors.”

The Council by deputation sought an interview with your Honor and Executive preliminary to any action being taken in concert with the Deputies from the Canterbury College, and left for your consideration a copy of the conditions agreed to by the Council on the 26th September, 1873, and endorsed by it on the 6th of March last. We append your Honor's reply—which, while opposed to the carrying out of the object contemplated by the conditions above referred to—expressed the willingness of the Executive Government to acquiesce in what the University Council and the Professors might agree to. The Council, at its meeting on the same day, after much deliberation, re-affirmed their previous decision, and referred the matter with your Honor's letter, and other documents to the Professors for their consideration.

The Council having readily accepted the offer of co-operation towards affiliation to the New Zealand University, proceeded, in conjunction with the Deputies from the Canterbury College, to draw up resolutions indicating what they deemed essential to such affiliation. These were as follows:—

“ That it is advisable that the Council of the Otago University and the Board of Governors of the Canterbury College should apply to the New Zealand University for affiliation on the following conditions:—

I. “ That the administration of the Otago University and the Canterbury College shall not be interfered with by the New Zealand University.

II. "That the endowments of each shall remain their respective property.

III. "That the standard established for degrees shall not be lower than that adopted by the University of Melbourne.

IV. "That steps should be taken by the New Zealand University to secure the services of competent examiners, actually or recently engaged in the duties of education.

V. "That the examinations preliminary to the B.A. degree, and final for that degree, should be so ordered, as to time and subjects, as to afford the students equal facilities for taking their degrees, either in Science or in Classics,—care being taken that students, in either branch, shall receive some fair measure of instruction in the other ; provided, that Greek be not required of students on the Scientific side.

VI. "That the preceding conditions are without prejudice to any conditions contained in the memorandum of the 26th Sept., 1873, and adopted by the Council of the University of Otago on the 6th of March, 1874."

The above resolutions were finally adopted at a meeting of the University Council and the Deputies from the Board of Governors of Canterbury College on the 9th of March, and were signed by myself on behalf of the University, and by C. C. Bowen, Esq., and the Rev. W. J. Habens, on behalf of the Board. Previously, and at the same meeting, a letter was read, signed by all the Professors expressing their concurrence with the same. On the 12th of the same month we received intimation by telegram that at a meeting of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College, the report of their deputation was unanimously adopted.

At a meeting of the Council held on the 27th a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College was read, suggesting that we should appoint a deputation to proceed to Wellington and confer with the Council of the New Zealand University relative to the application for affiliation, which, after some deliberation, being agreed to, the Vice Chancellor and Mr. Cutten were appointed, and proceeded to Wellington on the 7th of April to meet the Council of the University of New Zealand then sitting.

The Deputies report that in conjunction with Mr. Bowen and the Rev. W. J. Habens, Deputies from the Canterbury College, they not only obtained a cordial reception from the Council, but the utmost assistance in securing the object of their mission. After discussion, the New Zealand Council and the Deputies agreed to apply to Parliament for the repeal of the "University Act, 1870," and the passing of a new Act framed after the model of the one establishing the London University. According to a draft Bill which was adopted, the New Zealand University is to be exclusively an examining body, and the administration is entrusted to a Senate of 24 members, appointed in the first instance by the Governor-in-Council and a Convocation, consisting of Graduates ; the latter body not coming into existence till the Graduates—received upon examination—number 30. All vacancies in the Senate are to be filled by the Senate itself, till Convocation is convened, and afterwards alternately by Senate and Convocation. Appointments to Senate are for five years, and absence from two consecutive meetings makes void the appointment. Senate and Convocation vary their place of meeting. The University under the proposed Bill is excluded from interference with the affiliated institutions, but is required to receive for examination all students presented by the authorities of their colleges. As the annual endowment of £3000 is deemed ample for scholarships, examinations and administration, there is to be no application for the Reserves made in 1868 for a New Zealand University. Our University under the proposed Bill not only continues to have the sole disposition of its endowments, and to be entirely independent in government and the arrangement of its curriculum, but also retains its designation of University of Otago. In affiliating to the New Zealand University we consent to forego, in the interests of education in the Colony, our degree conferring functions while we are affiliated, with the right to resume them should circumstances render it expedient.

We venture to hope that your Honor, as our visitor and in your capacity as member of the House of Representatives will assist in passing into law, the Bill to which the Council of the New Zealand University and our deputies, as well as the deputies from the Canterbury College, have cordially consented.

We have the pleasure to inform your Honour that we have passed the following resolution, respecting what is familiarly known in Great Britain as middle (or class) examinations :—

"That in order to admit of a University examination of schools and classes in educational establishments with a view of granting certificates of proficiency, not included in those connected with matriculation and graduation, this University is willing to adopt a course similar to that which prevails at Oxford and Cambridge for granting such certificates, with such modifications as may be deemed necessary."

We wish to draw your Honor's attention to the following resolution passed on the 11th of March last:—

"That as it is desirable to have University Buildings, Professors' residences, and accommodation for students from the country districts and other Provinces as complete and compact as circumstances may admit with sufficient space for recreation,

“It is resolved that the concurrence of the Superintendent and Executive Government be obtained in accordance with the 1st clause of the University Otago Ordinance, 1869,” to the disposal of the present University Buildings and site, should the Government grant the Council another site in a favourable situation, and should the proceeds of the sale be sufficient to erect a more commodious and eligible building.”

We hope your Honor will be able to adopt such measures as may lead to carrying out the desired object, and thereby giving completeness to the University which its friends have so much at heart, and which has already engaged your earnest attention and cordial support.

We transmit for your Honor's information the usual abstract of accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1874. The expenditure for the year 1874-5 will be considerably increased owing to the appointment of a Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, and probably of an additional Law Lecturer.

I have, &c.,

J. RICHARDSON,

Chancellor of the University Otago.

[ENCLOSURES].

Resolutions adopted by the Council of the University of Otago on the 11th March, 1874.

“That as it is desirable to have the University Buildings, Professors' residences, and accommodation for students from the country districts and other Provinces as complete and compact as circumstances may admit with sufficient space for recreation,—

“It is resolved that the concurrence of the Superintendent and Executive Government be obtained in accordance with the 1st clause of the “University of Otago Ordinance, 1869,” to the disposal of the present University Buildings and site, should the Government grant the Council another site in a favourable situation, and should the proceeds of the sale be sufficient to erect a more commodious and eligible building.

“That should such concurrence be obtained, the Finance Committee be requested to procure from the Provincial Government an assurance that they will grant the University some ten acres of land of Cemetery Reserve granted to the Superintendent in 1862, should the University be in a position to assure the Government that by the sale of the existing building and site, they would be prepared and able to carry out the previous resolution.

Letter from His Honor the Superintendent to Chancellor of the University.

Superintendent's Office,

Dunedin, 9th March, 1874.

To the Chancellor of the Otago University, Dunedin.

SIR,—

Referring to the subject of our interview on Saturday, I have the honor to state that the question has been very fully considered by my responsible advisers and myself, and that we are unanimously of opinion that it would be unwise for the Otago University to relinquish any of the powers and privileges which it now possesses, unless Dunedin is to be the seat of the University of New Zealand, as was fully intended by the Colonial Legislature when it passed the University Act, 1870. At the same time, should the Otago University Council and the Professors decide otherwise, the Government is prepared to acquiesce.

I may say that we are unable to see any great advantage which would accrue to the Otago University from affiliation with the University of New Zealand upon the terms proposed, excepting the acquisition of £500 a year out of the annual parliamentary grant—a consideration which seems to be scarcely an equivalent for sacrificing its independence, and so far sinking its individuality. Moreover, we cannot lose sight of the circumstance that the Otago University is the oldest of the two, in point of origin, and the only one of the two which is fulfilling the functions of a University—considerations which we feel assured must, sooner or later, weigh with the Colonial Legislature in its distribution of the funds of the Colony, towards which Otago is such an important contributor.

The only other advantage from affiliation would be that graduates might obtain degrees by virtue of Colonial, instead of Provincial, Legislation. This is a matter upon which we think too much stress is

apt to be laid; for, after all, degrees are in themselves comparatively unimportant, and the University which imparts to its Students the highest intellectual and moral culture will be the one the degrees of which will be most highly prized, under whatever authority they may be granted.

The Government feels persuaded that if intrinsic value to its degrees is any desideratum, the Otago University has only to continue to aim high, to make provision for residence of both Professors and Students within its walls, and it will, in due time, be recognised by the Crown, irrespective of the New Zealand University.

With regard to the joint action in the matter of affiliation which it is understood is being sought to be taken by the Canterbury College—not being aware of the direction of the proposed action, I am unable to pronounce any opinion on the subject. I may say, however, that we rejoice to see the neighboring province setting up a teaching body on a scale equal to our own, and we should be glad if there could be mutual co-operation, if not incorporation, between the two Institutions.

Might not the Canterbury Legislature confer upon its College the status of a University, with similar functions to that of Otago?; and then the two Universities might constitute a joint examining body, for the conferring of degrees upon the graduates of each.

Were Canterbury to adopt some such action as this, there would be no difficulty in each Province obtaining its full share of the funds voted to the New Zealand University, without detriment to the rest of the Colony; nor would there be any difficulty in obtaining a Royal Charter, if deemed expedient.

I venture to submit these suggestions for what they are worth.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW,

Superintendent of Otago.

Abstract of Accounts.

[OVER.]

A Report on the Sanitary Condition of Cromwell, and the Causes of the Epidemic.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, May 18, 1874.)

Dunedin, May 14, 1874.

To His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report that I have completed the investigation which your Honor commissioned me to make into the sanitary condition of the Town of Cromwell, and the causes of the epidemic at present existing there; and I herewith enclose for your Honor's approval the following report on these matters:—

The kind of Fever.—The epidemic has been one of Typhoid, or Enteric Fever, or what would be more appropriate in the present case, Cesspool Fever. It began with the month of February, attained its maximum strength during March and April, and is now on the decline (1).

Its Character.—The fever generally has been of a bad type. The fever in the majority of cases has been pure and uncomplicated; the few cases in which complications were present being explicable by the accidental circumstances to which these patients have been exposed (2).

Number Attacked.—The collective number of those attacked in Cromwell and district appears to have been about 110, the number of families 40; the population of Cromwell township alone being 376 by last census (3).

Its Distribution.—The epidemic has been chiefly confined to the Town of Cromwell, and the opposite village of Cornish Town (4).

Ages Affected.—The ages between four and thirty, of both sexes, form the largest quota, a few being below the former age, and a few above the latter age (5). Children have suffered most, females and males pursuing indoor vocations next, and males engaged in out-door labour least. It has not been confined to anyone class of society resident there, but it has been concentrated both in numbers and severity of type in those dwellings and surroundings where unsatisfactory sanitary conditions were markedly present.

Death Rate.—From August, 1868, to the 26th day of April, 1874, 77 deaths from all causes have taken place in Cromwell and district; and of these 77 deaths, 22 occurred during the last ten weeks of that period (6). Several of the deaths were directly the result of the fever; a few were due to complications that arose during the progress of the disease.

(1.)—One witness stated, a case occurred in the latter end of January, but the majority agree, that the first cases began about the 10th of February. No fresh cases had arisen during the fortnight ending May 9th.

(2.)—The chief complications have been chest diseases.

(3.)—Dr. Stirling attended 60 cases; Dr. Corse, 23 cases and 6 in Quartzville; Dr. Thomson, Clyde Hospital, received 17 cases, and attended 3 privately. It was almost impossible to obtain strictly accurate and reliable statistical information as to this point.

(4.)—The fever was more serious and intense in the above two places, though a few cases have occurred at Quartzville and Bannockburn; one case at Nevis, one case at Bendigo. I also heard rumours of a few cases at Lake Wanaka.

(5.)—Same remark applies here that was appended to note 3. The ages of those who were sent down to Clyde Hospital were respectively 25, 24, 28, 25, 27, 33, 45, 39, 28, 42, 15, 27, 53, 12, 34, and 10 years; of these 5 were females and 12 males. The ages of the only registered deaths under enteric fever were respectively 12½, 14, 22, 5 11-12ths, and 20 years; of these 2 were females and 3 were males. These do not include all the deaths from the fever, (but see note 6); 10 was the largest number in one family, 2 or three were common. The majority of those at present lying ill, I found to be children and their mothers.

(6.)—Same remark applies here that was appended to note 3. The 22 deaths were from all causes, though the majority were from the epidemic, some cases must be deducted from above for those who came into Cromwell for medical treatment and succumbed to the disease; again, 2 cases of Diphtheria from Nevis must be subtracted. I

Causation.—A few attribute the fever to importation; but after much care and enquiry as to this point, I feel perfectly satisfied that it was spontaneously developed in the first few cases from the surrounding conditions of the houses, the soil, and the water, and afterwards it was propagated to the majority by contagion (7). Those receiving it in the latter way being more or less predisposed to take the fever according as they were exposed to faulty or to favorable hygienic circumstances.

Condition of Cromwell.—There is nothing in the situation of Cromwell appreciably favorable if due care had been exercised to the production of zymotic disease.

Soil.—The soil is of a loose, porous nature, composed of schistose sand and gravel for several feet in depth, and such as would favor rapid oxidation and destruction of the organic matters of sewage, as it filtered through it, were it not surcharged with too much.

Houses.—The houses are not of the most commodious size, especially some of them, for the purposes to which they are applied; and many of the bedrooms contain two beds that should only contain one, besides being faulty in construction in relation to light and ventilation (8).

Drainage.—There are no artificial drainage works in connection with the majority of the houses; and where any existed, it was of the crudest and most unsatisfactory nature possible. Take the small drains which are connected with some of the houses on the northern side of Melmore Terrace: they consist simply of pipes, which conduct whatever is thrown into them from the backs of the houses to the nearest gutter, there to lie exposed on its way towards the low ground near the bridge, at which point it soaks into the ground. In other words, these dirty liquids are conveyed from the back of one row of houses to the fronts of two rows.

House Refuse.—House refuse and other matters have been thrown too near the houses.

Yards.—The back-yard accommodation of many domiciles is scanty; not a few are without closets of any description, and several of these have gardens attached to them through which the open water race runs. The reflective can draw their own inferences.

Cesspools.—The closets, with only one or two exceptions, are of the worst cesspool type, and in many places they are in dangerous proximity to the dwelling-houses and the water races. This is a grave and a serious fault. These cesspools consist of holes dug in the ground, and over them small wooden frameworks and houses have been erected. In these rude pools excrement has been allowed to accumulate for years, for such loose and porous soil can absorb a large amount. Did they become overcharged, and the contents require removal? Two procedures have been adopted—either partly fill in the old hole, and partly plaster it over with soil, choose a new site, dig another pool to which the old wooden tenement is transferred, and so the evil has been multiplied; or where emptying has been resorted to, their contents have been deposited in by far too near a place to the houses. Some of them have not been emptied since their formation. In one or two I found a barrel had been sunk for the purpose of preventing infiltration into the surrounding subsoil; but even this arrangement is not to be recommended (9).

Bank of Kawarau.—The soil of the sloping bank behind most of the houses whose backs face the Kawarau River is in many places sodden and discolored with excrement, infiltrated with filth chiefly from these cesspools.

would here suggest to Government the advisability of steps being taken to register all diseases and deaths under one definite and uniform system of Nomenclature. The application of different terms to express the same disease by one medical man at different times, or by several men at all times, is not only very misleading, but also is a serious obstacle to investigations of the nature I have been engaged in. The advantage of adopting one definite and sound nosological system is, that it ensures uniformity and truth, and places more prominently before the public the prevalence of those diseases admitting of prevention, or capable of mitigation by careful sanitary regulation. I would therefore recommend that the general classification adopted by the Registrar-General of Great Britain, along with the special classification of diseases lately issued by the Committee of the College of Physicians of London, be adopted for this purpose. More detailed statistics of deaths and diseases at Cromwell have been requested of the Registrar-General in Wellington, and will possibly be annexed to the Appendix of this Report.

(7).—Authorities on this fever are divided in opinion as to whether in every case it arises *de novo*, or is propagable by "contagion."

(8).—I measured one bedroom, in which a young man had lain ill of the fever and had died. It was 11 feet in length, 6 feet 3 inches in breadth, 6 feet 2 inches in height, a fixed small window, no fireplace, only means of ventilation through a circular hole about 6 inches in diameter cut in the roof, or through the doorway. In other words, the cubic space of this room *without any furniture* was less than half what a *well* ventilated bedroom ought to be, and this was not the worst sleeping-room I saw.

(9).—The following information I gathered in the presence and hearing of three of the Town Councillors, and, as it was not contradicted, I take it to be true. Z. Y. stated he had done most of the emptying that had been done for the past two years. On asking him how he had done it, he stated he had given himself as little trouble over it as possible, and had not removed the contents a very great distance. On observing that I committed his answers to my note-book, he said "he must hold his tongue," and refused to tell more.

Slaughter Yards and Piggeries.—Up to the last five weeks, several slaughter yards and piggeries existed within the town, in some cases too near to the dwelling-houses.

Stable Refuse Heaps.—The stable refuse is deposited in pits unpaved, and the manure has been previously allowed to accumulate for years. Stable refuse heaps are not in themselves very objectionable if removed at short intervals, and if they did not furnish from their position, and in the absence of properly constructed ashpits, convenient receptacles for other matters.

Butchers' Debris.—In two places—the one on the banks of the Kawarau, close to the Cornish Town cradle; the other in a yard common to several houses—I found the heads of sheep and the feet of oxen, and sheep, bones, and flesh in an exposed and putrescent state.

Water Supply.—The water supply of Cromwell is derived at the present time from four sources—rain water, the river Clutha, a spring on the southern side of the Bridge, and the Lowburn Creek water races.

Rainfall.—The rainfall is slight, rainwater is scarce, and few houses possess appliances for retaining and conserving it.

Clutha.—The water of the Clutha above the bridge is used only by a few, and most of these have resorted to it since the publication of Dr. Black's analysis of the other waters.

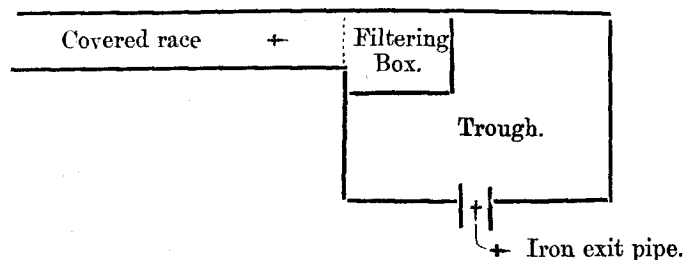
Spring.—The spring was much used up to the last three weeks, but it is insufficient in quantity, as well as contaminated in quality.

Lowburn Creek.—The Lowburn Creek water races have formed the chief water supply of the town. (*Vide* Note 10 for course, &c.)

State of Race.—The water race of the Town of Cromwell from beginning to end was in a filthy condition, and most strangely placed with reference to cesspools and other places.

Faulty position of objects to race.—In one place shortly after it has entered the town I found situated within 26 inches of the open race, and almost on the same level, a cesspool; in the same yard was what had up to lately been a piggery for six pigs, and adjoining this a place that has been used for slaughtering animals: all situated above the water race, within thirty-six feet of it, and in such a position that the surface drainage must fall into the race. Nearer to the centre of the town the race ran alongside a cow yard (11), and the ground through which it passed was quite a puddle, and indented with the footprints of ruminants. The whole of the cesspools of the houses in Ballina-street were placed on a higher level than the open branch water race from which the inhabitants of that street derived their supply of water. The advisability of allowing the water race to run through gardens of houses to which no closets are attached is worthy of re-consideration. In some of these houses were many children.

(10).—*Origin of Lowburn Races.*—This water is collected on one of the slopes of Mount Pisa, on what is known as the Lowburn Grazing Ground. It passes down the Lowburn Creek to get to the Cromwell Plains. (Plan 1,) over which it passes in a roundabout course till it reaches the Chinese Gardens of Ah Kue. Here the main race is divided into 3½ shares, and the Cromwell people get 1-12th of this for the supply of the town, the rest being used for gold-washing purposes. (*Vide* plans 1 and 2 and notes appended thereto. For these plans I am indebted to James M'Kerrow, Esq., Chief Surveyor to the Provincial Government.) *Covered part.*—The water race of the Town of Cromwell then runs uncovered for a couple of hundred yards towards the Kawarau; and is afterwards covered in by a wooden race, so as to protect it from the strong winds that are so continually shifting the sand and surface dirt at this point, the mouth of the covered portion being guarded by a kind of sill or trap over which the water flows. (*Vide* Plan 1.) From the covered race it passes into a wooden box or tank, which is divided into two compartments. The smallest of the compartments receives the water, and is intended to filter it, but owing to its dilapidated state the water passed over it to the second compartment. This is the largest, and it receives the water from the first. Into one side of it an iron pipe is fixed, through which the water flows towards the town. (*Vide* figure.)



Iron piping.—Iron piping then conveys it towards the open water race of the town, which commences at the point marked on Plan 2. From this point the water in the open race passes through the town almost parallel to Inniscourt-street, and ultimately falls into a small trough in Innis-street. Several small branches are given off to the houses as it passes, and one large branch goes along the line of Ballina-street. (*Vide* Plans 1 and 2.)

(11).—This had been closed about four weeks ago, and the race at this point covered in for a short distance.

Special branches.—The water conducted in small channels leading to the houses in most cases empties itself into barrels or wooden and iron tanks, which are connected to the houses by pipes.

House Tanks.—Some of these tanks were protected by grating, others were not; most of them require immediate attention. Three especially attracted my attention, the water from each of which supplied several families, in some of whom the disease had told severely. To state the facts mildly, I need only mention that I could actually scrape from the sides of the cleanest, the debris of what had evidently passed through the alimentary canal of a horse.

State of Race.—The margins of the race were imprinted in many places with the footprints of oxen, pigs, geese, and ducks; and I found in the water race articles of the following description—an old shoe, bones of animals, old rags, a piece of old rope, waste paper, bits of crockery ware, old mustard tins, and animal excreta. During the ten days before my visit, a man had been employed cleaning the race; but the extracted filth had been deposited on the margins in such a way that it could easily be tumbled or blown in again. These things suggest obvious remedies.

Quality of Waters.—The quality of the different waters is such as to utterly unfit them in their present state for domestic purposes. (*Vide* annexed reports of Dr. Black, Note 12.)

With such a state of matters it is no wonder Cromwell was visited with an attack of Typhoid fever. Though there were a few apparent exceptions, the reciprocal connexion between neglect of sanitary laws and the disease were boldly visible throughout the whole of this epidemic. Improperly constructed and neglected cesspools, polluted drinking water, and cramped sleeping rooms, fed disease. The unusually dry and sultry summer and autumn, the absence of strong ozone-carrying winds, and the small rainfall, have appreciably played their part in favouring this epidemic. (13.)

Had there been sufficient activity displayed at the outset of the epidemic, it is quite probable that its strides would have been much curtailed and its intensity lessened; and this I do say with a full knowledge of what has been done, and when it was done. (14.)

Lastly, it is but fair to the members of the medical profession at Cromwell and Clyde, *without individualising*, to state that, from all the sick I visited, and from others, I heard high encomiums passed of the kind, skilful, and unremitting attention they had paid to their patients; and it will be gratifying to your Honor, and the people of Cromwell, to know that those at present sick are progressing favourably, and the epidemic is abating.

The indirect relations of this matter are not to be undervalued. I have spoken plainly, but with no desire to wound. It is well that other young and growing towns should clearly perceive how easy it is to acquire an incubus—how expensive it is to remove it.

(12.)—First analysis. Total solid residue and organic matter in grains per gallon :—		
	Total solid residue.	Organic matter.
Cromwell waters— <i>a.</i> Spring	21.00	7.00
<i>b.</i> Firewood	14.70	2.27
<i>c.</i> Lowburn Creek*	10.50	3.15
Second analysis,—made on larger quantities than first :—		
<i>a.</i> Spring	19.00	6.10
<i>b.</i> Firewood	13.12	3.52
<i>c.</i> Lowburn Creek*	12.00	1.40

* Both of these samples were taken from main race at so considerable a distance out of town that they do not indicate the quality of water within the town, as used by the inhabitants. I will just mention another fact that is worth comparing with the above, and I do this to impress upon people the vital importance of this matter. Dr. Letheby, of London, examined the sewage of Leamington after it had passed through a charcoal filter, and he found it to contain in one sample 8.40 grains of organic matter per gallon. Professor Black is at present engaged on qualitative analyses of these waters. Microscopic examination showed a sparsity of the lower vegetable and animal organisms in the race, those present being of an innocuous nature. The main race had a slight amount of *Anacharis Alsinastrum*, the cosmopolitan water plant, growing in its bed; but this is rather beneficial than otherwise within certain limits. It should be borne in mind in connection with examinations of water "that morbid matter can only be detected by its specific action upon the human subject, and cannot be distinguished either by chemical or microscopic analysis, even in the concentrated excreta, much less in water mixed with excreta." Still it is of first importance that every community should have its water supply subjected at intervals to rigorous quantitative and qualitative chemical analysis, to determine whether or not it is polluted or contaminated with animal matter, since these and disease go together.

(13.)—The dry rainless weather, and the season of the year, are in accordance with the statistics of this fever in England, Germany, and America.

(14.)—The Town Council of Cromwell have had many difficulties to contend with: inadequacy of funds being their chief complaint. The character of the weather there and the physical features of the country have rendered it very difficult to keep the race in a clean state, and this is a great objection to water supply by open race. No public provision was made for disposing of excreta of the sick. Within the past five weeks, however, slaughter-houses and piggeries have been abolished within the town, and the water-race at one part covered over; and lately two men have been appointed to clean the races and to remedy the disgraceful state of the Kawaru Bank. Disinfectants have also been procured and distributed to some of the houses. Bye-laws have been applied for and will shortly be in operation. To my mind they seem scarcely wide and comprehensive enough for dealing effectually with nuisances. The Town Council had never received any official warning of the state the town was lapsing into, beyond that expressed in the local paper.

Accompanying this Report your Honor will find an Appendix, containing facts directly and indirectly connected with the present epidemic, a statement of the remedial measures I would suggest, and correspondence.

I have the honour to be,

Your Honor's obedient servant,

MILLEN COUGHTREY.

APPENDIX.

Kawarau Gorge.—At Kawarau Gorge I found one case had been, but this had come from Cromwell. Some of the people used the open race water from Moonlight Creek race; others used the water lodged in the dams at this place. In one small house where I was told a man and his wife alone lived, I was afterwards informed three men lodged there besides.

Bannockburn.—Between Kawarau Gorge and Bannockburn Bridge I found four cases: three living, one dead. These were clearly acquired by contagion. At Bannockburn, where the fever has been so rife in previous years that it may be said to be endemic there, I found two cases—an infant and a small lad—both so slight that symptoms were scarcely discernible. Dr. Stirling accompanied me on this journey.

Around Clyde.—Typhoid fever has been more or less prevalent in the small townships around Clyde for the last three years, and scarcely an autumn has since passed without some ailing. The Clyde Hospital reports contained instances of three cases of typhoid fever from January 2 to February 16, 1873; one of these came from near Mount Pisa, the other two from Cromwell. One of the Cromwell cases died in Hospital. In 1872, Bannockburn contributed seven cases to Clyde Hospital; their ages and date of admission were the following:—A. at 23, February 4th; B. at 35, C. at 5, D. at 7, E. at 8, F. at 4, all on March 11th (B. to F. inclusive from one family); G. at 25, on March 25th. A. died. In same year, during March and April, seven cases; and during December one case, from Alexandra; in all eight, of whom two died. In same year, during March and June, Blacks furnished two cases. But these do not include all, for many were seen in private practice, and Dr. Thomson, of Clyde, who rendered me valuable assistance in these matters, informed me that he had as private patients, in Alexandra, 12 cases in 1871, 10 in 1872, 16 in 1873, and 12 in 1874; whilst Clyde proper, or Dunstan, only furnished him with two cases, and these were explained by local conditions. In Cromwell district he had some cases in 1870 and 1871, several in 1872, and six cases in autumn of 1873, the Hospital cases, and one at Nevis, also, a case at the Waikeri-keri Valley during this autumn. The latter was an important case, as she was servant to a hotel in Cromwell, which she had only just left.

Premonitory Warning.—On inquiring of the different medical men whether they had warned the Cromwell people about the condition of the town, I received in all cases a reply similar to the following:—

[COPY OF TELEGRAMS.]

“Dunedin, May 12, 1874.

‘To Dr. Lake, Switzers.

“*Re* Cromwell epidemic. Will you please state whether enteric fever existed during your residence at Cromwell? Also, whether you warned anyone against the bad sanitary state of the town, and who you warned?”

“(Signed)

MILLEN COUGHTREY.”

[REPLY.]

“Switzers, May 14, 1874.

“Enteric fever did exist. I had one well marked case (———). I spoke strongly to —— and the leading citizens on bad sanitary state of town. No notice was taken of it. My warning was verbal. There were other cases of fever which did not come under my treatment, called “Colonial fever.” I expect they were of the typhoid kind.

“(Signed)

JOHN B. LAKE, L.P.S.G., &c.”

Conveyance of Sick.—Mode of Conveying the Sick to the Hospital.—I wish to draw attention to the possible way in which the disease may be spread by the practice at present in vogue of sending down the sick by the ordinary coaches. The matter merits consideration. I have got facts on this head, but the fault is so obvious that it only requires mentioning.

Suggestions to Town Council.—According to your Honor's instructions, when I had fully satisfied myself on the condition of Cromwell, and the causes of the epidemic, I desired the Town Clerk of Cromwell to convene a meeting of the Town Council, this was done; and, before leaving for the Clyde

I addressed them on the matter, and offered suggestions and advice as to immediate and future remedial measures. A fair report of what took place at above meeting is contained in the *Cromwell Argus* for May 12th, and I forward with these papers a copy of above paper.

Letter.—On the following day I sent to His Worship the Mayor of Cromwell the subjoined letter :—

“ Clyde, May 10th, 1874.

“ To His Worship the Mayor of Cromwell.

“ SIR,—I have the honor to request of your Worship to convey my thanks to the Town Council and inhabitants of Cromwell, and more especially to Drs. Stirling and Corse, Mr. Colclough, and Sergeant Cassels for the kind and cordial way in which they assisted me in my investigations into the sanitary condition of Cromwell.

“ Allow me to express the hope that the suggestions I made at the meeting of the Council, on Saturday last, as to the removal of excrementitious and other matter, the position of certain cesspools, the formation of earth box-closets, the copious distribution of disinfectants, the thorough cleansing of the water-courses, more especially within the town, and the employment of filtering troughs or boxes in every house, be immediately acted upon.

“ I cannot impress upon the Council too strongly the importance of at once adopting prompt and decisive measures. I would further suggest, with reference to the cleansing of the water-races, that the filth extracted from above be not deposited near their margins, but carted away from town beyond the Cemetery, from where there will be a less likelihood of it again being blown into the town water-races.

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Your Worship's obedient servant,

“ MILLEN COUGHTREY.”

Suggestions as to Immediate Remedial Measures.—The middle paragraph in above letter briefly embodies most of them.

A.—*Water and Races.*—With reference to the water and races :—

- (1.) That the water races be at once thoroughly cleaned, and kept clean, until a better water supply can be procured.
- (2.) That the filth extracted from race be at once carted away.
- (3.) That temporary filter troughs for each house at once be constructed. The form I recommended was the following :—Take a small, clean barrel or box that will contain water : make a hole in one side of it 3 or 4 inches in diameter. Get two layers of clean white flannel, of a size and shape a little larger than the hole, lay between them several small pieces of charcoal. The latter should be animal, failing which, vegetable charcoal from wood possessing the least amount of resin or gum. Then tack these layers of flannel and contained charcoal over the hole in such a way that the water must permeate through the flannel and the charcoal as it passes out of the barrel or box. Affix to this a guiding spout, and place any clean tub or earthenware jar below to catch the filtered water. The filtering trough should have a moveable lid. This simple filtering trough could readily be made by the merest tyro in carpentry. It should often be cleansed, and the flannel and charcoal replaced as often as required. It is not intended to supersede the ordinary patent earthenware filters, but it might it might be used along with them.
- (4.) That many of the tanks and troughs at present in use be replaced, and others cleaned and repaired. After cleansing, to be well washed with Solution of Permanganate of Potass (Condy's Fluid), proper strength, to ensure more perfect freedom from organic matter.

B.—*Cesspools, &c.*—With reference to the cesspools and filth heaps :—

- (1.) All cesspools at present in use, and likely to contaminate water in races, be at once closed. I think the Bye-Laws, under Part 13 Municipal Corporations Act, 1867, or the Town and Country Police Act, 1862, section 5, sub-section 8 and 11 (more especially 12), again section 12 sub-section 4, section 13 sub-section 11, will be sufficient for their purpose ; but it is worth taking legal advice on.
- (2.) That contents of present cesspools be removed, and all cesspools be immediately converted into dry earth closets.
- (3.) That these dry earth closets be of the simplest possible description, and not dependent on springs, strings, &c., for their supply of earth. The following is facile in management, and inexpensive in cost :—A good strong box lined with zinc, which can be slipped under the seat, either from front or back ; a separate small box to contain dry earth, which can be sprinkled over the voided matter by an improvised shovel.

- (4.) That the site of intended manure depot be removed beyond the Cemetery, and well outside the town.
- (5.) That all old clothes, rags, paper, boots, and bones at present lying scattered in various parts of the town be collected and burnt.
- (6.) That the filthy bank of the Kawarau be more than surface-scraped.
- (7.) That accumulated stable heaps be removed, and beds for these deposits in future be paved, so as to prevent soakage of liquid sewage.
- (8.) That slaughter houses and piggeries on no account be allowed within the town.
- (9.) That a copious distribution of chloride of lime, as the most suitable disinfectant in the present case, be sprinkled over the dirtiest parts of the town.
- (10.) That special facilities be afforded to those houses in which sickness at present exists as to the removal of, disinfection, and burial of excreta, and thorough cleansing of all clothes and linen in use.

Suggestions as to the Future Remedial Measures :—

- (1.) That it would conduce much to the cleanliness, comfort, and health of Cromwell, as well as hasten the reclamation of much valuable land, if means were taken to form a natural 'Bent' to prevent the shifting of the sand and gravel at present so readily acted upon by strong winds. This could be accomplished by the judicious planting of certain sedges and grasses, and without much labour and expense. The chief sedges used at home for this purpose are *Carex Arenaria* and *C. Incurva*, whilst *Psamma Arenaria* as a grass is used.
- (2.) The obtaining of an efficient and sufficient supply of water of good quality. As Cromwell enlarges, the water in the Lowburn Creek races cannot fail to become worse; and besides it has by far too long a distance to travel even supposing it were not contaminated near its source, for oxidation of organic matters in running waters takes place with extreme slowness. Then it is wanting in quantity and force. This may be utilised to carry the sewers. The Firewood Creek Burn is the natural one. It is adjacent, and, I am given to understand, can be cheaply stored, its height will give good force, and if only preserved and proper precautions are taken, its quality must be good, whilst it is of sufficient quantity. The Clutha water may be useful.
- (3.) The construction, at an early date, of sewerage conduits into which private drains can be led.

Dunedin, May 15th, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honour to ask of your Honor to allow me to add to the Appendix of my Report, *re* Cromwell condition and epidemic, the information contained in the subjoined telegram, which was kindly forwarded to me this day; and further I would like to add to my report the suggestion of more meteorological observations being taken than at present: this to be the work of a private society rather than of Government.—I have, &c.

MILLEN COUGHTREY.

[COPY OF TELEGRAM.]

“Wellington, May 15, 1874.

“To His Honor Superintendent, Dunedin.

“Population of Town of Cromwell, per census 1874: Males, 237; females, 139; total, 376.

“Deaths in 1873: Four, all females—*three in labour*, one typhoid fever. Deaths in Cromwell Registration District in 1873, including, of course, the town, were ten—nine females and one male. Causes: Female atrophy, one; enteric (?), one; typhoid fever, one; *childbirth*, three; whooping-cough, one; fall of earth caused one male death. Population for Registration District cannot be given,

“HONOURABLE D. POLLEN.”

The remarks I made under note 3 in my Report should be taken in connection with this..

Report on the Sheep Department for 1873-4.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Secretary, May 8, 1874.)

Sheep Inspector's Department,
Dunedin, 6th May, 1874.

The Provincial Treasurer, Dunedin,

SIR,—I have the honour to forward for the information of the Government, Return of Sheep in the Province of Otago for the year ended 30th September, 1873.*

The Return shows a total of three millions, three hundred and seventy-four thousand, four hundred and thirty-two (3,474,432) sheep above six months old, making an increase of sixty-five thousand, one hundred and forty-five (65,145) above the number returned last year.

Two millions, five hundred and thirty-two thousand, seven hundred and fifty-six (2,532,756) are depastured on runs; seven hundred and sixty-nine thousand, nine hundred and fifty-eight (769,958) on freeholds; forty-four thousand, four hundred and ninety (44,490) on gold fields; and twenty-seven thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight (27,228) on Hundreds.

I am happy to state that the whole of the sheep are still, and have been free from disease for over two years, with the exception of a small lot in paddocks in the Oamaru district. They got disease from two rams brought from England *via* Australia. As soon as the disease was discovered prompt action was taken to eradicate it, and I am glad to say we have been successful in stamping it out.

The disease was found to have been communicated to a few thousand sheep in the month of September. They were immediately shorn and repeatedly dressed, and no disease having been seen for the last five months, they have now received their final certificate.

I think that such a case can hardly occur again, now that the recommendation contained in my report of last year has been carried out by having dips erected at Oamaru, Port Chalmers and Invercargill, where all sheep are now dressed immediately after landing, under the supervision of the Inspectors. With due caution on their part, I am of opinion that it will be many years ere scab will be seen in the Province.

I have, &c.,

WM. LOGIE, Chief Inspector.

* For Return see *Otago Gazette*, No. 910, dated May 27, 1874, page 164.

REPORTS FROM THE PRIVATE PETITIONS COMMITTEE.

[ORDER OF REFERENCE.—*Ordered*—“ That a Private Petitions Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. H. Clark, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Green, Mr. McDermid, Mr. Fish, Mr. Reid, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report from time to time.”—*Dr. Webster*, April 30. Mr. Speaker and Dr Menzies added, May 6.]

INTERIM REPORT NO. 1.—*In re* PETITION OF JOHN AND NORMAN CAMPBELL.

(*Brought up by the Hon. Dr. Menzies, May 18, 1874.*)

The petitioners pray for an inquiry into the reasons why their tenders for the construction of certain sections of Southland Light Railways were overlooked or rejected.

Your Committee have to report that the evidence taken in connection with this petition shows that tenders were called for in the usual form for sundry light railways, and amongst those contracts Nos. 877, 878, and 879, the *Gazette* notice specifying ‘ that tenders will be received at the office of the Secretary for Works until noon of Friday, 27th March.’ A subsequent notice postponed the date of receiving the tenders until noon of 3rd April, which happened to be Good Friday, a Government holiday. Messrs. Campbell attended in Dunedin on the 27th March, in readiness to deposit their tenders, but could not remain until the 3rd April, on account of other business.

Messrs. Campbell stated that they had posted at Invercargill their written tenders for the contracts named, early on the morning of the 3rd April, Good Friday, the letter consequently bearing the post mark of the 4th, and telegraphed the amounts to his Honor the Superintendent the morning of the 3rd, which was duly received. Another firm, Messrs. Calder and Blacklock, it appears, also pursued a similar course in telegraphing their tenders. On the 4th April his Honor the Superintendent, Mr. Turnbull, and Mr. Bastings opened the sealed tenders lodged, and appear to have recognised the telegrams as tenders, and submitted them to the Provincial Engineer on Monday, the 6th April. By this time Messrs. Calder and Blacklock’s written tenders had arrived, and appear to have been considered with the others; but Messrs. Campbell’s written tenders do not appear to have reached the Government until the morning of the 7th.

The evidence given to the Committee leaves it in no doubt that Messrs. Campbell’s tenders were placed in the Superintendent’s box in the Post-office before 12 o’clock of the 6th. Messrs. Calder and Blacklock’s written tenders were posted on Thursday, the 2nd, at Invercargill, and reached Dunedin overland on the Saturday night, the 4th, and were taken out of the Superintendent’s post-office box on Monday morning.

The mail by which Messrs. Campbell’s written tenders were conveyed, arrived at Port Chalmers or forenoon of Sunday, the 5th, per Wanganui, reaching Dunedin by the first train on Monday morning, and by the post-mark on the letters, were stamped by the proper department between 10 and 11 o’clock. It appears from M’Farlane, the Superintendent’s messenger, that his regular habit is to clear the post-office box at half-past 9 o’clock in the morning, 12 o’clock noon, and 2 o’clock in the afternoon. He states, in regard to this particular Monday, however, that, it being a kind of holiday (Easter Monday), he only cleared the box once that day, namely, at 9 o’clock in the morning.

In reply to a question he also stated that he had not been asked to examine the box, or inquire for the missing written tenders referred to in Messrs. Campbell’s telegram.

The Executive met on Monday, the 6th, between 2 and 3 o’clock in the afternoon, and decided on the tenders, resolving to accept Mr. Proudfoot’s tenders as follows:—

Orepuki	...	...	...	...	...	£28,397	9
Otautau	...	...	...	...	...	37,104	2
Wallacetown	...	...	...	...	...	32,080	0 8
						£97,581	11 8

On the morning of the 7th the messenger M’Farlane appears to have cleared the post-office box for the first time after doing so on the morning of the 6th, and brought Messrs. Campbell’s tenders to the Secretary of Works, who took them at once to his Honor the Superintendent. On being opened they were found to contain tenders in proper form, and accompanied by properly marked cheques. The amounts of Messrs. Campbell’s tenders were as follow:—

Orepuki	...	...	...	...	...	£25,667	12 6
Otautau	...	...	...	...	...	37,550	17 6
Wallacetown	...	...	...	...	...	31,867	15 6
						£95,086	5 6

The difference between the two tenders amounts to £2,495 6s. 2d. Intimation of acceptance of his tenders was sent to Mr. Proudfoot some time during the day of the 7th.

Your Committee have to express their regret that the Executive did not, before deciding on the tenders, ascertain whether Messrs. Campbell's written tenders had arrived, seeing that the telegram intimated that they had been posted, an oversight which led to the acceptance of tenders exceeding the amount of Messrs. Campbell's tenders.

By the course pursued by the Executive, Messrs. Campbell have lost any problematical profit that might have been expected from their tenders. Messrs. Campbell, also, owing to their deposit cheques not being immediately returned, have suffered a pecuniary loss by way of interest upon the amount of their deposits. Thus, while recognising that, according to the strict letter of the advertisement, the written tenders ought to have been lodged at the Secretary of Works Office by noon of the 3rd April, still it is evident that the Government, although there is no absolute rule, were in the habit in some cases of receiving telegraphic tenders, and that in regard to these tenders the telegraphic tenders were recognised on Saturday, the 4th April.

Your Committee would recommend that in future it may be made a rule of the service that telegraphic tenders be received up till the advertised hour and date of receiving tenders; that in the event of any telegraphic tenders being received, the tenders be not decided upon until the receipt of the written tenders in respect of which telegrams have been received, or until sufficient time has elapsed to allow for the arrival of the written tenders by mail; that written tenders so posted should be franked by the postmaster, stating day and hour when posted. That your Committee are of opinion that Messrs. Campbell have some good ground of complaint, and that the Government be recommended to take the matter into their favourable consideration.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, May 18, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT No. 2.—*In re* PETITION OF HUGH M'FADYEN.

(*Brought up by the Hon. Dr. Menzies, May 19, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays for an enquiry into the circumstances attending the termination of his contract (No. 629) for surface work on the Pine Hill Road.

Your Committee have to report that they are of opinion that the quantity of metal one hundred and fifty (150) yards usually supplied annually on the road referred to under a similar contract for surfacing, scarcely entitled the District Engineer to claim under M'Fadyen's Contract the large supply of 2600 yards.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the balance due on M'Fadyen's Contract be paid.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, May 18, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT No. 3.—*In re* PETITION OF JAMES SANDISON.

(*Brought up by the Hon. Dr. Menzies, May 19, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays that he may be recouped the expenses incurred by him in connection with the laying off a tract to Martin's Bay *via* Greenstone Valley.

Your Committee have very carefully investigated into Mr. Sandison's claim, the more so as in times past he had been a considerable source of annoyance to the Government.

Your Committee are unanimously of opinion Mr. Sandison has not the slightest grounds of claim against the Government, and that the course pursued by him is only a continuation of a system of dunning the Government and Provincial Council pursued by him in former cases.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, May 18, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT No. 4.—*In re* PETITION OF JOHN MITCHELL.

(*Brought up by the Hon. Dr. Menzies, May 20, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays that as the land purchased by him in the Southland District has become overrun with rabbits to his serious loss, he may have an exchange given him of an equal area elsewhere.

Your Committee have considered this Petition, and are of opinion that the ground on which the exchange of land is asked is bad; but would leave the question of advisability of exchange entirely as a matter of Executive action.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, May 20, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT No. 5.—*In re* PETITION OF THOMAS GRUNDY.

(*Brought up by Mr. M^cDermid, May 20, 1874.*)

The Petitioner (late Inspector of Depasturing Licenses, Tuapeka,) prays for enquiry into the grounds of his dismissal from the Government service.

Your Committee have fully considered the prayer of this Petition, and have now to report that from the evidence supplied by the Government, it appears that the Government had resolved to transfer the duties of Inspector of Licenses to the Sheep Inspector's Department, and that Mr. Grundy in consequence received notice of the intended abolishment of the office he held.

The Government assures the Committee that the reports to which Mr. Grundy refers had nothing to do with his removal.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, May 20, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT No. 6.—*In re* PETITION OF WILLIAM LATHAM.

(*Brought up by the Hon. Dr. Menzies, May 21, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays for redress for injuries received, through a fall in 1867 over the cutting, made in prosecution of Bell Hill works.

Your Committee have to report that the Petitioner's case appears to have been fully dealt with by the Government. In Session 1869 the Petitioner presented a similar Petition to your Honourable Council which was referred to the Government for its consideration. The Petitioner, in view of the circumstances of his case, was given employment as a toll-keeper. From the evidence attached, it will be seen that there were good grounds for his being suspended and not afterward reinstated. Your Committee cannot recommend him for any consideration.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, May 21, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT No. 7.—*In re* PETITION OF THOMAS BROWN.

(*Brought up by the Hon. Dr. Menzies, May 21, 1874.*)

The Petitioner alleges that the Waste Lands Board of Southland District had placed undue restrictions on him in the matter of his license to cut forest timber for railway sleepers, and prays for redress.

Your Committee have considered this Petition, and find the subject matter involves a complaint against the administration of the Waste Lands Board of Southland.

Your Committee are of opinion, that the Waste Lands Board being not directly responsible or subject to the control of the Provincial Council, it would be stepping beyond its powers to entertain or investigate into the complaint made by the Petitioner.

Your Committee would recommend that the Petition be forwarded through the Provincial Government to the General Government for its consideration.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, 21st May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT NO. 8.—*In re* PETITION OF GEORGE SMITH.

(*Brought up by the Hon. Dr. Menzies, May 21, 1874.*)

The Petitioner alleges that the Waste Lands Board of Southland District had placed undue restrictions on him, in the matter of his license to cut forest timber for railway sleepers, and that in consequence his contract deposit had become forfeited, and prays for redress.

Your Committee have considered this Petition, and find the subject matter involves a complaint against the administration of the Waste Lands Board of Southland.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Waste Lands Board being not directly responsible or subject to the control of the Provincial Council, it would be stepping beyond its powers to entertain or investigate into the complaints made by the Petitioner.

Your Committee would recommend that the Petition be forwarded through the Provincial Government to the General Government for its consideration.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, 21st May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT NO. 9.—*In re* Petition of GEORGE DANIELS.

(*Brought up by the Hon. Dr. Menzies, May 27, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays for favourable consideration on account of his having, whilst in the discharge of his duties as Wardsman in Dunedin Hospital, contracted serious illness such as to incapacitate him for active service.

Your Committee having considered this Petition, are of opinion that the Petitioner has no claim upon the Government for pecuniary compensation, but would recommend his case to the favourable consideration of the Government, with a view, if possible, of their giving him light employment which he might be competent to undertake.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, 27th May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT NO. 10.—*In re* PETITION OF 106 RESIDENTS IN THE WAKARI DISTRICT.

(*Brought up by Mr. Roberts, May 28, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray for the protection of passengers on the road in the Wakari District from the roves of wild cattle driven to and from the Kaikorai Sale Yards.

Your Committee having taken the prayer of the Petitioners into their careful consideration, are fully sensible of the grievance under which the district of Wakari suffers by reason of the existence of cattle sale yards and abbatoirs in that now thickly populated suburb of Dunedin, and are of opinion, and would

strongly recommend that the Executive Government should take the matter into their serious consideration with a view of remedying the evil complained of.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, 28th May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT No. 11.—*In re* PETITIONS OF 19 MEMBERS OF NO. 1 COMPANY CITY GUARDS AND 10 MEMBERS OF NO. 2 COMPANY (DUNEDIN SCOTTISH) VOLUNTEERS.

(Brought up by Mr. Roberts, May 29, 1874.)

The Petitioners pray for the granting of land certificates under the Volunteers Land Act, 1865.

Your Committee find that the Volunteers Land Act, 1865, provides by clause 2 as follows, viz. :—

“It shall be lawful for the Superintendent of any Province to grant to volunteers and militiamen who have served as hereinafter-mentioned within such Province, certificates entitling them to the remission of such sums as such Superintendent may, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council appoint, in the purchase of land within such Province under any law or regulation for the time being in force for the disposal of waste lands of the Crown within such Province, not exceeding the sums mentioned in the following scale, that is to say—

“To every officer of volunteers, or efficient volunteer, after five years' service, for any sum not exceeding thirty pounds (£30.)

“To every officer volunteer, or militiaman, after six months' active service, in which he shall have been actually engaged against the Queen's enemies, and for every subsequent six months of such active service, any sum not exceeding five pounds (£5.)

“Provided that no officer, volunteer, or militiaman shall be entitled to such certificate who has already received any land in payment or consideration of his services;” which clearly leaves a discretionary power in the hands of the Superintendent and Provincial Council.

Your Committee would respectfully point out that recommendations on this subject should emanate from the Government, and only the “advice and consent” of the Council be asked in regard thereto.

Your Committee would recommend the granting the prayer of the petitioners, subject to the recommendations embodied in the following resolutions of the Provincial Council, passed on 23rd June, 1871 :—

“Resolved—(1.) That in the opinion of this Council, it is expedient that the capitation charges on account of volunteers should not exceed the sum of three thousand pounds (£3000) during the current financial year.

“(2.) That in order to keep the charges within that amount, His Excellency the Governor should be requested to consider the expediency either of limiting the number of volunteers enrolled, and of raising the standard of efficiency, or of making provision to reduce the rate of capitation grants.

“(3.) That His Honor the Superintendent be requested to grant certificates to the persons named in Message No. 8, to the extent and in terms of section 2 of ‘The Volunteers Land Act, 1865,

“(4.) That this Council is of opinion that section 2 of ‘The Volunteer Land Act, 1865,’ should be amended, and provision made to the following effect, viz. :—‘That the Superintendent may grant to efficient volunteers, who have served for a period of seven years, certificates entitling them to select and occupy, subject to any law or regulation for the time being in force for the disposal of Waste Lands of the Crown within the Province, such areas of land, not exceeding fifty acres each, as the Superintendent may, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council, appoint; such certificates to be granted conditionally on one-third part of the land being enclosed and cultivated within a period of three years from the date of the certificate. As soon as the conditions are fulfilled, a Crown Grant to issue. In the event of the conditions not being complied with within the time specified, the certificate to be cancelled.’”

Your Committee are of opinion that a definite recommendation on the subject of Volunteers Land Grants, for future guidance, should be submitted by the Government for the approval of the Council.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, 29th May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT No. 12.—*In re* PETITION OF JOHN GANTLEY.

(*Brought up by Mr. Green, May 29, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays for favourable consideration of his past services as Police Constable.

Your Committee have to report that, from the evidence laid before them, the Petitioner left the police service some eighteen months ago, and that he made no application through the proper channel for retiring allowance.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Petitioner has no grievance to be remedied by this Provincial Council.

Dunedin, 29th May, 1874.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

INTERIM REPORT No. 13.—*In re* PETITION OF JAMES COOPER, OF SHOTOVER GORGE.

(*Brought up by Mr. Roberts, May 29, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays for redress of grievances in the matter of a certain road-line passing through his leasehold property.

Your Committee having carefully considered the Petition, are of opinion that the sum of twenty pounds (£20) should be given him, and also the closed roads not now required by the opening of the new road, so as to complete his property.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, 29th May, 1874.

Report on Series of Borings made in the Upper Harbour.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Secretary, May 14, 1874.)

Dunedin, 13th May, 1874.

To His Honor the Superintendent.

SIR—I have the honor to report having made a series of boring at different parts of the Upper Harbour, with the view of ascertaining the practicability or otherwise of deepening the same to such an extent as to allow the passage up to Dunedin of the largest vessels frequenting our Port. Upon the accompanying tracing, I have shown the position of each bore, from which you will observe that twenty-one of these in all have been put down between the outer extremity of the Rattray-street Training Wall and Curle's Point. These have been put down at such distances apart as to give a good general idea of the nature of the material over the whole area which would require dredging, and have in all cases been sunk to the depth of at least twenty-two (22) feet below ordinary high water.

The greater number of bores have been put down at places where, from the nature of the shore, or the small depth of water, we would most naturally suspect rock, and the result has been very satisfactory; no such material, either in the mass or as a detached boulder, having been encountered.

I was fortunate in having the company of Captain Thomson, the Chief Harbour Master, on the occasion of sinking several of the bores in the neighbourhood of Black Jack's Point, who pointed out where, from his knowledge of the locality, he thought there was the greatest probability of rock; but nothing of more difficult nature than compact sand with numerous shells was met. As that was the point where from its shoal nature the hardest bottom was expected, the greatest number of trials were made there.

The particular nature of each bore will be seen from the annexed schedule, which shows, that generally the bottom of the Harbour, between end of Training Wall and opposite Logan's Point, is of soft clay or mud, with some shells and mixture of sand both throughout the mass and in bands; while from Logan's Point downwards the material is more sandy and compact with more shells, rendering boring more tedious on account of the sand filling in upon the rods, but not necessarily showing any difficulty in dredging.

About opposite Bull Island the bottom commences to get softer, and from opposite Burke's Brewery to termination it remains soft sandy clay or mud to depths greater than dredging will require to extend. The last of the bores—that marked K—s in depth of water which at that point would show dredging of two and a-half feet, necessary to give twenty-one feet at ordinary high water; but in the immediate locality there are other parts of the bottom where no dredging would be required, so that we may consider that these borings have extended over the whole area upon which dredging would be necessary.

We may also conclude from the result of the investigation, that no rock or other hard bottom exists, such as to render the deepening necessary to allow the passage of the largest ships impracticable or even difficult.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE M. BARR, C.E.

SCHEDULE OF BORES.

Depths of Water given are below ordinary High Water.

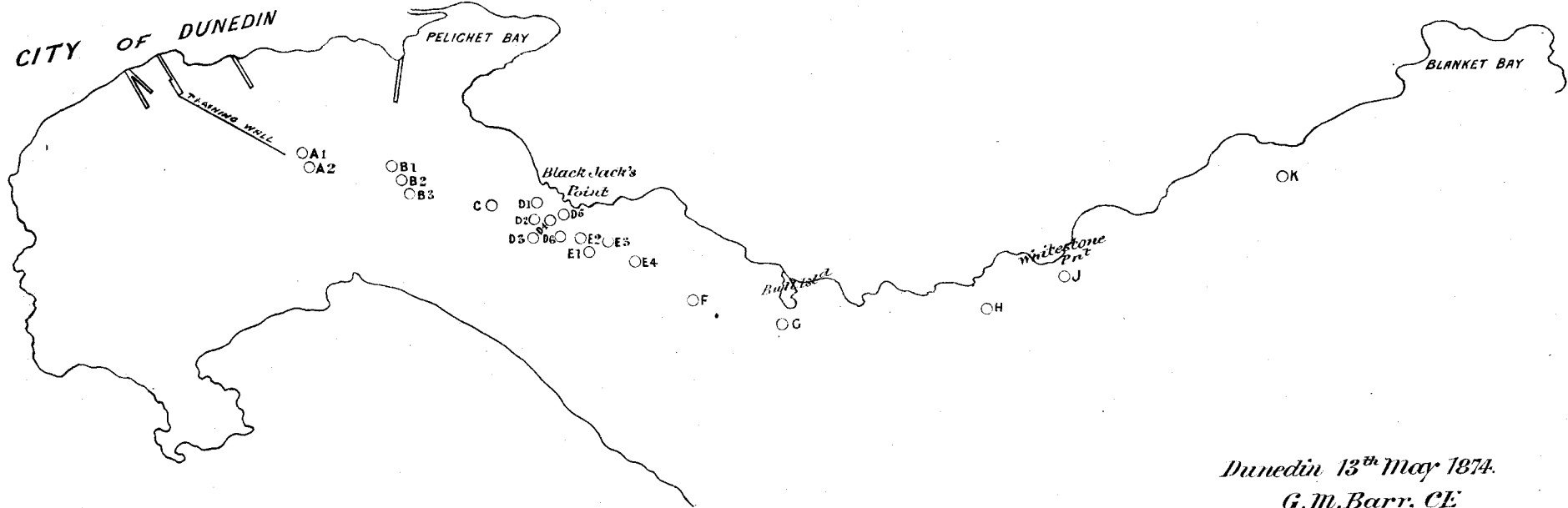
	Water.	Nature of Bottom.	Total depth of Bore below High water.
	Feet.		Feet.
A1	10	Soft mud, 21 feet... ..	31
A2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Soft mud, 12 feet... ..	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
B1	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	Soft sandy mud, 20 feet	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
B2	14	Soft sandy clay, 9 feet	23
B3	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sandy mud, 16 feet	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
C	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Sandy clay, 8 feet	22 $\frac{3}{4}$
D1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Soft mud, 13 feet	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
D2	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	Stiff sandy mud, with shells, 9 feet	22 $\frac{3}{4}$
D3	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Loose sand, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet	23
D4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Soft mud, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet	27
D5	13	Soft mud, 14 feet... ..	27
D6	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Very soft on surface and loose sand, 9 feet	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
E1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bands of soft and sandy clay with shells, 13 feet	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
E2	11	Bands of soft and sandy clay with shells, 11 feet	22
E3	12	Soft surface, then stiff sand, with shells, 10 feet	22
E4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Firm crust, layer of soft clay and compact sand, with shells, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet	22
F	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Dark coloured compact sand, with shells, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet	22
G	13	Soft sand 3 feet, and compact sand 6 feet	22
H	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	Soft sand, 8 feet	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
J	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	Soft sandy mud, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet	25
K	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	Soft sandy mud, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet	23

13th May, 1874.

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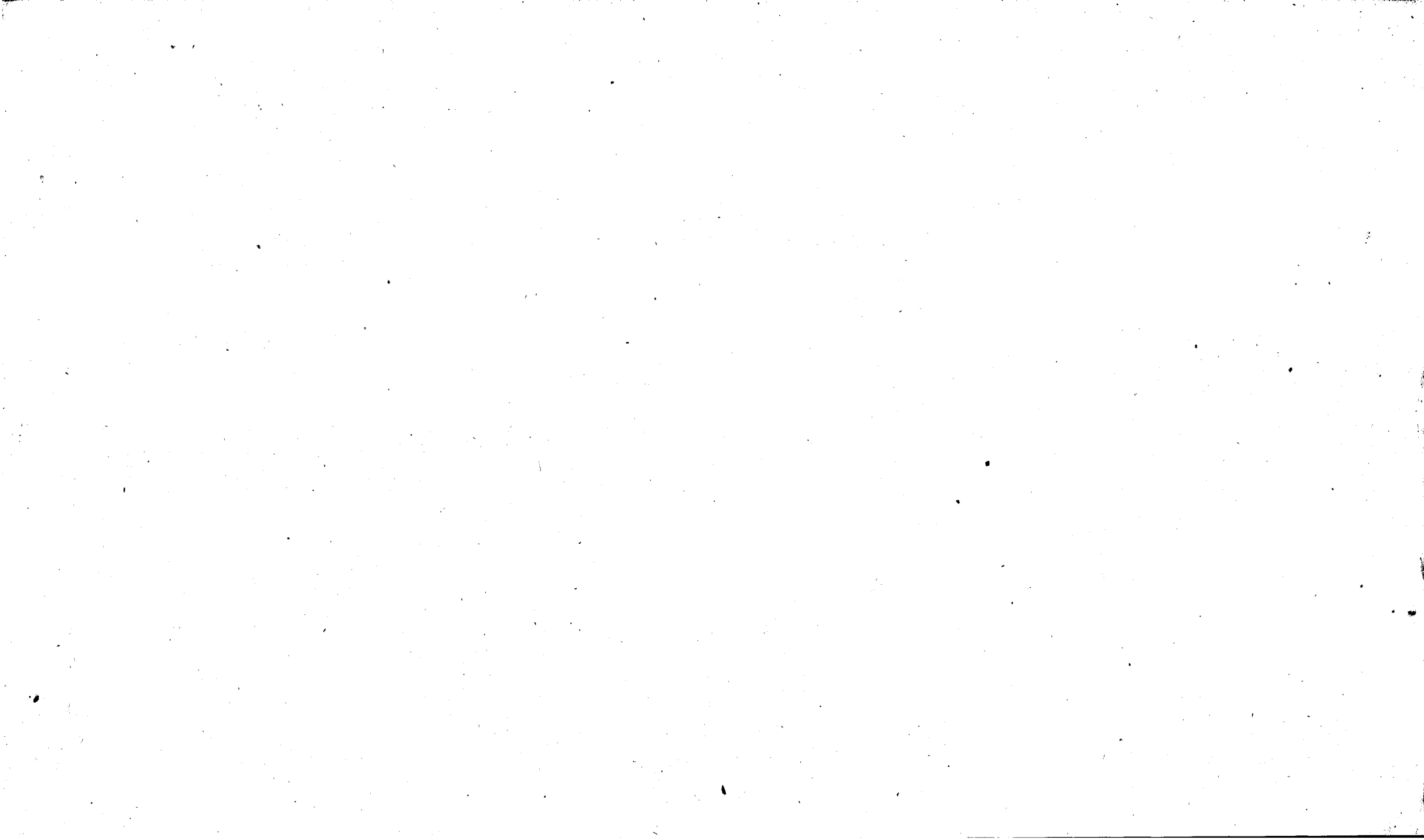
— MAP OF —
UPPER PORTION OTAGO HARBOUR:
Shewing position of Borings made
— MAY — 1874 —



Dunedin 13th May 1874.

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PROVINCE OF OTAGO.—GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, 31st MARCH, 1874.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, June 1, 1874.)

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BALANCE SHEET, 1873-4.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in favour of Province at 31st March, 1873, in General Account	13,149	7	2			
„ Amount in hand on account of Special Works	14,445	14	4			
				27,595	1	6
„ Provincial Revenue from 1st April, 1873, to 31st March, 1874				418,813	2	0
„ Receipts from General Government, viz. :—						
Under North Otago District Loan Act	45,000	0	0			
On Account of Road Board Subsidies	14,808	13	4			
Do. of other Special Works	13,688	1	6			
				73,496	14	10
				£519,904	18	4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By General Expenditure, including Road Board Subsidies from 1st April, 1873, to 31st March, 1874,						367,556 19 0
„ Expenditure under North Otago District Loan Act	36,509	1	2			
„ Do. on account of other Special Works	12,172	18	3			
„ Balance						48,681 19 5
						103,665 19 11
						£519,904 18 4

To LOANS, viz. :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Consolidated Debentures and Loans under Acts of General Assembly	1,081,850	0	0						
Amount raised under North Otago Loan Act	50,000	0	0						
				1,131,850	0	0			
Unconverted Provincial Debentures, viz. :—									
Loan, 1861-2	40,100	0	0						
„ 1862	116,700	0	0						
Harbour Loan	44,100	0	0						
Public Buildings Do.	40,075	0	0						
Otago Dock Bonds	13,800	0	0						
Do. New Issue	10,000	0	0	264,775	0	0			
							1,396,625	0	0
„ Amounts due on Suspense Accounts				4,586	18	5			
Less discrepancy to be adjusted due on Deposit Accounts				1	4	6			
„ „ in hand for Special Expenditure as follows, viz. :—							4,585	13	11
Under North Otago Loan Act	9,235	9	11				13,436	7	1
General Government Subsidy to Road Boards	9,264	13	4						
Mount Ida Water Works	1,258	19	3						
Waipori Do.	55	15	4						
Port Chalmers Beach Road	4	6	1						
Invercargill Railway Goods Shed	246	1	4						
Public Works Account	110	12	1						
				20,175	17	4			
„ Balance in favour of Province in General Account				83,490	2	7			
							103,665	19	11
							£1,518,313	0	11

By LOAN LIABILITIES, viz. :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Debentures and Loans under Colonial Acts	£998,845	14	8						
Sinking Fund	84,004	5	4						
				1,082,850	0	0			
Provincial Debentures	£254,618	8	9						
Sinking Fund	59,156	11	3				313,775	0	0
									1,396,625 0 0
„ Amount at Credit with Home Agents									3,243 14 0
„ Advances to Heads of Departments									704 17 9
„ Amount in Bank of New Zealand, viz. :—									
At Credit of General Account							101,421	15	8
Do. of Road Boards Account							9,264	13	4
Do. of Accounts—Mount Ida and Waipori Water Works, Port Chalmers Beach Road, Invercargill Railway Shed, Public Works, & Deposits on Tolls							4,127	19	11
Do. with London Office							2,925	0	3
									117,739 9 2
									£1,518,313 0 11

Provincial Treasury,
Dunedin, 30th May, 1874.

ALFRED F. OSWIN,
Sub-Treasurer.

GEO. TURNBULL,
Provincial Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE YEAR,
FROM 1ST APRIL, 1873, TO 31ST MARCH, 1874.

(Laid upon the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, June 1, 1874.)

DEPARTMENTS.	APPROPRIATED.			EXPENDED.			CONSECUTIVE NO. IN TRANSFER SCHEDULE.		LAPSED OR TRANSFERRED.	In excess, drawn from Unfore- seen Contin- gencies, or by Special Order.					
							From	To							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
LOANS.															
Interest Sinking Fund, and chargeable to General Government on the Con- solidated portion of the Provincial Loans ...	9607	0	0	8199	3	1			1407	16	11				
Interest on Loan, 1861-2	4812	0	0	4470	0	0			342	0	0				
do. 1862 ...	10502	0	0	10602	0	0		33				10	0	0	
Interest on Harbour Loan	5736	0	0	4024	0	0			1712	0	0				
" Public Buildings Loan ...	4829	0	0	3138	0	0			1691	0	0				
Floating Dock, Guaranteed Interest ...	190	0	0	190	0	0									
Interest on Dock Bonds ...	2054	0	0	1212	0	0			842	0	0				
do. do. ...									600	0	0				
New Issue	600	0	0												
Sinking Fund Loan, 1861	1203	0	0	1203	0	0									
do. do. 1862	1167	0	0	1167	0	0									
do. Harbor Loan ...	1323	0	0	1323	0	0									
do. Public Buildings Loan ...	1202	5	0	1202	5	0									
Interest, Exchange, and Commission ...	500	0	0	111	11	0			388	9	0				
Interest on cost of Port Chalmers Railway ...	11000	0	0	726	0	1			10273	19	11				
Interest on £2000, part pur- chase money of Stewart's Island, at 8 per cent., for two years ...	320	0	0	160	0	0			160	0	0				
Balance due the General Government on account current, as at 31st March	15598	5	11	9686	8	7			5911	17	4				
	70643	10	11	47414	7	9			23329	3	2		100	0	0

DEPARTMENTS.	APPROPRIATED.			EXPENDED.			CONSECUTIVE NO. IN TRANSFER SCHEDULE.		LAPSED OR TRANSFERRED.	In excess drawn from Unfore- seen Contin- gencies, or by Special order.				
							From	To						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			
SUPERINTENDENT & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.														
Superintendent	1000	0	0	1000	0	0								
Secretary and Storekeeper	300	0	0	300	0	0								
Provincial Secretary and Treasurer and Secretary for Lands	600	0	0	608	3	3		32		8	3	3		
Secretary for Goldfields and Works	600	0	0	600	0	0								
Provincial Solicitor	400	0	0	366	13	4			33	6	8			
Non-official Members	250	0	0	117	14	2			132	5	10			
Clerk to Executive Council and Under-Secretary	450	0	0	450	0	0								
Chief Clerk	300	0	0	300	0	0								
Clerk and Draughtsman	150	0	0	150	0	0								
Printing and Stationery	30	0	0	46	2	0		31 & S. O.		16	2	0		
Clerical assistance for Pro- vincial Solicitor	250	0	0	250	0	0								
Incidental Expenses	20	0	0	1	15	0			18	5	0			
	4350	0	0	4190	7	9			183	17	6	24	5	3
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.														
Speaker (Session XXXII)... ..	150	0	0	225	0	0								
do. (Session XXXI)	75	0	0											
Chairman of Committee (Session XXXII)	75	0	0	112	10	0								
Chairman of Committee (Session XXXI)	37	10	0											
Clerk and Librarian	275	0	0	275	0	0								
Keeper of Chambers and Messenger	132	0	0	132	0	0								
Expenses of Members (Ses- sion XXXI)	800	0	0	2183	11	0	1		16	9	0			
Expenses of Members (Ses- sion XXXII)	1400	0	0											
Expenses of Select Com- mittees	75	0	0	66	12	0			8	8	0			
Library	60	0	0	29	15	2			30	4	10			
Printing and Stationery	850	0	0	846	16	4			3	3	8			
Incidental Expenses	80	0	0	95	18	11	8	8,1				15	18	1
Fuel and Light	50	0	0	48	13	9			1	6	3			
	4059	10	0	4015	17	2			59	11	9	15	18	11
PROVINCIAL TREASURER.														
Sub-Treasurer	400	0	0	400	0	0								
Clerk to Treasurer, Secre- tary to Education Board, and Auditor of Railway Accounts	400	0	0	400	0	0								
Cashier	300	0	0	300	0	0								
Clerk (Junior)	75	0	0	75	0	0								
Printing and Stationery	75	0	0	69	6	1			5	13	11			
Incidental Expenses	10	0	0	2	6	6			7	13	6			
	1260	0	0	1246	12	7			13	7	5			

DEPARTMENTS.	APPROPRIATED,			EXPENDED.			CONSECUTIVE NO. IN TRANSFER SCHEDULE.		LAPSED OR TRANSFERRED.	In excess, drawn from Unforeseen Contingencies, or by Special order.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	From	To						
POLICE.														
Commissioner ...	500	0	0	500	0	0								
Clerk, Accountant, and Storekeeper ...	225	0	0	225	0	0								
Inspectors ...	900	0	0	1326	7	10			73	12	2			
Sub-Inspectors ...	500	0	0											
Sergeants, Constables, and Cooks ...	14022	14	6	13990	14	0			32	0	6			
Departmental Contingencies	4559	0	0	4298	10	2			260	9	10			
	20706	14	6	20340	12	0			366	2	6			
HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.														
Chief Harbour Master, Dock Master, and Health Officer ...	450	0	0	450	0	0								
Assistant Harbour Master, Dunedin ...	275	0	0	275	0	0								
Do. Bluff Harbour	275	0	0	275	0	0								
Do. Oamaru	250	0	0	250	0	0								
Do. Riverton	150	0	0	150	0	0								
Do. Port Molyneux	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Do. do. Kakanui	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Do. Catlin's River	50	0	0	100	0	0		11		50	0	0		
Do. do., Waikawa	50	0	0	50	0	0								
Do. do., Waikouaiti	50	0	0	50	0	0								
Do. do., Allday Bay	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Pilots ...	1060	0	0	1060	0	0								
Coxswains ...	240	0	0	240	0	0								
Boats' Crews ...	1200	0	0	1189	4	4			10	15	8			
Signal Master ...	145	0	0	145	0	0								
Do. ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Do. ...				74	14	7		8		74	14	7		
Time Ball Keeper ...	75	0	0	75	0	0								
Jetty Light Keeper and Watchman ...				93	11	9		9		93	11	9		
Light Keeper, Black Jack's Point ...	30	0	0	30	0	0								
Light Keeper, Oamaru ...	30	0	0	30	0	0								
Pier Master, Port Chalmers				99	7	6		Sp. Order		99	7	6		
Boats ...	150	0	0	209	0	4		9, 31		59	0	4		
Signals and Flagstaffs ...	200	0	0	218	17	10		31 & S. O.		18	17	10		
Buoys and Beacons ...	250	0	0	219	11	3	9		30	8	9			
Fuel and Light ...	40	0	0	33	1	3			6	18	9			
Travelling Expenses ...	20	0	0	36	16	0		9, 15		16	16	0		
Boating do. ...	260	0	0	344	10	4	15	33		84	10	4		
Printing and Stationery ...	30	0	0	23	14	4			6	5	8			
Incidental Expenses ...	150	0	0	146	11	6	9		3	8	6			
	5780	0	0	6169	1	0			107	17	4	496	18	4

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GAOL.															
Gaoler ...	400	0	0	400	0	0									
Matron ...	100	0	0	100	0	0									
Warders ...	4708	10	0												
Allowance in lieu of Quar- ters, Fuel, and Light for married Sergeants and Warders for long service				4668	9	6				340	0	6			
Rations ...	300	0	0												
Stores and Furniture ...	700	0	0	592	1	8	122021			107	18	4			
Library ...	60	0	0	78	9	6		12					18	9	6
Fuel and Light ...	25	0	0	29	6	8		20					4	6	8
Medicines and Medical Com- forts ...	150	0	0	132	3	3	11			17	16	9			
Clothing and Bedding ...	120	0	0	58	9	0				61	11	0			
Printing and Stationery ...	150	0	0	147	16	0				2	4	0			
Relief to destitute Prisoners on discharge ...	10	0	0	9	0	0				1	0	0			
Incidental Expenses ...	40	0	0	40	9	6		21					0	9	6
	60	0	0	66	7	7		11					6	7	7
	6823	10	0	6322	12	8				530	10	7	29	13	3
DISTRICT GAOLS.															
Gaoler (Invercargill) ...	175	0	0	175	0	0									
Matron do. ...	50	0	0	50	0	0									
Warders ...	310	0	0	310	0	0									
Gaolers ...	775	12	6	775	12	6									
Rations, Tools, Stores, &c.	850	0	0	704	10	3				145	9	9			
	2160	12	6	2015	2	9				145	9	9			
SHEEP INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.															
Chief Inspector ...	400	0	0	400	0	0									
Sub-Inspector ...	350	0	0	350	0	0									
Do. ...	300	0	0												
Do., also being In- spector of Depasturing Districts ...				845	3	2				54	16	10			
Sub-Inspector, Pt. Chalmers ...	600	0	0	100	0	0									
Registrar of Brands ...	100	0	0	225	0	0									
Contingent Inspection ...	225	0	0	99	5	0				50	15	0			
Incidental Expenses ...	150	0	0	10	7	9				9	12	3			
	20	0	0												
	2145	0	0	2029	15	11				115	4	1			
EDUCATION.															
Inspector of Schools ...	500	0	0	500	0	0									
Sub-Inspector ...	350	0	0	108	17	5				241	2	7			
Secretary, also Clerk to Treasurer ...															
Drawing Master ...	400	0	0	400	0	0									
Clerk ...	175	0	0	175	0	0									
Carry forward ...	1425	0	0	1183	17	5				241	2	7			

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Brought forward	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
GRAMMAR AND DISTRICT SCHOOL.	1425	0	0	1183	17	5			241	2	7			
Rectors or Head Masters ...	1000	0	0	1000	0	0								
District School Teachers ...	14900	0	0	14897	11	10			2	8	2			
Travelling Expenses ...	200	0	0	115	14	6	7		84	5	6			
Rent Allowances ...	500	0	0	589	2	0		21				89	2	0
Fees for Orphans and Des- titute Children ...	400	0	0	400	0	0								
Free Schools ...	450	0	0	424	12	6			25	7	6			
School Maps and Appliances	350	0	0	21	8	8			328	11	4			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	50	0	0	69	13	6		7				19	13	6
Incidental Expenses ...	50	0	0	16	19	8			33	0	4			
School of Art ...	150	0	0	44	10	3			105	9	9			
Provincial Scholarships ...	375	0	0	266	15	7			108	4	5			
	19850	0	0	19030	5	11			928	9	7	108	15	6
HIGH SCHOOL (BOYS).														
Rector ...	550	0	0	550	0	0								
Masters ...	1405	0	0	1355	0	0			50	0	0			
HIGH SCHOOL (GIRLS).														
Lady Principal ...	300	0	0	300	0	0								
Master ...	350	0	0	350	0	0								
Assistants ...	330	0	0	320	0	0			10	0	0			
Singing Master ...	21	0	0	21	0	0								
HIGH SCHOOL CONTIN- GENCIES.														
Janitor ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Printing, Stationery, Re- pairs, &c. ...	400	0	0	320	16	4			79	3	8			
—	3456	0	0	3316	16	4			139	3	8			
COLLECTION OF TOLLS.														
Toll Collectors ...	1200	0	0	1210	8	0		32				10	8	0
Contingencies ...	150	0	0	146	8	2			3	11	10			
—	1350	0	0	1356	16	2			3	11	10	10	8	0
COLLECTION OF JETTY DUES.														
Collector ...	250	0	0	229	3	4			20	16	8			
Sub-Collectors ...	258	0	0	278	12	7		Sp. Order				20	12	7
Incidental Expenses ...	50	0	0	22	5	1			27	14	11			
—	558	0	0	530	1	0			48	11	7	20	12	7
MISCELLANEOUS.														
Messengers ...	358	0	0	383	0	0		29				25	0	0
Chaplains ...	300	0	0	300	0	0								
Gardener ...	200	0	0	200	0	0								
Revenue Officer ...	200	0	0	125	0	0			75	0	0			
Watchman, &c., Post Office	60	0	0	60	0	0								
Medical Officer, Invercargill	75	0	0	75	0	0								
	1193	0	0	1143	0	0			75	0	0	25	0	0

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GOLD FIELDS.															
Wardens	3141	13	4	} 3312	10	0	5								
Arrears on Wardens' Salaries	170	0	0												
Receivers of Revenues ...	1625	0	0	1683	10	8	30								
Bailiffs	750	0	0	750	0	0									
Chinese Interpreters ...	400	0	0	400	0	0									
Inspectors of Depasturing Districts	100	0	0	150	0	0	13						50	0	0
Travelling Expenses ...	1000	0	0	945	16	0				54	4	0			
Fuel and Light	100	0	0	149	1	4	16,20						49	1	4
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	150	0	0	231	0	11	16,20						81	0	11
Incidental Expenses ...	350	0	0	517	18	9	20,22						167	18	9
—	7786	13	4	8139	17	8				54	4	0	407	8	4
CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.															
Chief Commissioner and Surveyor	400	0	0	312	15	7				87	4	5			
Clerk	280	0	0	280	0	0									
Book-keeper	250	0	0	250	0	0									
Salesman	225	0	0	225	0	0									
Rangers	600	0	0	662	10	0	28						62	10	0
Apprentice Clerk	50	0	0	44	17	10				5	2	2			
Record Clerk	300	0	0	300	0	0									
Assistant do.	200	0	0	200	0	0									
Inspectors of Surveys ...	795	0	0	782	10	0				12	10	0			
District Surveyors ...	400	0	0	380	16	8				19	3	4			
Chief Draughtsman ...	87	10	0	87	10	0									
Assistant do.	1475	0	0	1389	11	0				85	9	0			
Apprentices	130	0	0	130	0	0									
Lithographic Printer ...	237	10	0	237	10	0									
Surveyors and Draughtsmen on Gold Fields ...				573	6	8	Sp. Order						573	6	8
Assistant Draughtsman, Invercargill ...	212	10	0	212	10	0									
Messenger, Invercargill ...	31	4	0	31	4	0									
Office Cleaner, do. ...	20	0	0	20	0	0									
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	400	0	0	598	11	11	6, 10, 18						198	11	11
Incidental Expenses ...	200	0	0	136	2	3				63	17	9			
Travelling Expenses ...	250	0	0	136	19	0	6			113	1	0			
Engrossing Crown Grants	200	0	0	139	14	7	10, 6			60	5	5			
Lithographic Materials ...	50	0	0	4	16	5	18			45	3	7			
Instruments and Repairs ...	10	0	0	44	10	10			2, 5				34	10	10
Government Auctioneers ...	400	0	0	564	5	4	1, 23, 14						164	5	4
Expenses of Waste Land Board	500	0	0	491	17	6				8	2	6			
Unforeseen Expenditure ...	100	0	0	10	18	0	6			89	2	0			
	7803	14	0	8247	17	7				589	1	2	1033	4	9

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LAND OFFICE, INVERCARGILL.														
District Land Officer ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Clerk ...	300	0	0	300	0	0								
Crown Grant Clerk ...	235	0	0	235	0	0								
Ranger of Bush Reserves ...	200	0	0	133	6	8			66	13	4			
Messenger ...	20	0	0	20	0	0								
Office Cleaner ...	5	0	0	5	0	0								
Fees to Commissioners of Waste Land Board ...	200	0	0	44	2	0			155	18	0			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	50	0	0	92	8	10		19 & S. O.			42	8	10	
Travelling Expenses ...	70	0	0	30	5	0			39	15	0			
Engrossing Crown Grants ...	60	0	0	31	5	6			28	14	6			
Incidental Expenses ...	10	0	0	7	9	6			2	10	6			
	1250	0	0	998	17	6			293	11	4	42	8	10
DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.														
Provincial Surgeon ...	500	0	0	500	0	0								
Resident do. ...	255	0	0	255	0	0								
Assistant Dispenser ...	185	0	0	185	0	0								
House Steward and Store-keeper ...	185	0	0	185	0	0								
Matron ...	80	0	0	80	0	0								
Midwife ...	52	0	0	52	0	0								
Laundresses ...	90	0	0	90	0	0								
Wardsmen ...	730	0	0	730	0	0								
Kitchen Assistants ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Nurses ...	135	0	0	135	0	0								
Housemaid ...	40	0	0	40	0	0								
Rations ...	1500	0	0	1449	2	2	17		50	17	10			
Stores and Furniture ...	150	0	0	175	11	11		13,31				25	11	11
Fuel and Light ...	270	0	0	289	2	11		31				19	2	11
Surgical Instruments ...	10	0	0	2	4	0			7	16	0			
Medicine and Medical Com-ports ...	500	0	0	562	12	11		31				62	12	11
Bedding and Clothing ...	180	0	0	116	19	8			63	0	4			
Stationery ...	15	0	0	4	2	3	13		10	17	9			
Incidental Expenses ...	200	0	0	233	3	1		17				33	3	1
	5177	0	0	5184	18	11			132	11	11	140	10	10
LUNATIC ASYLUM.														
Superintendent ...	350	0	0	350	0	0								
Matron ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Male Attendants ...	970	0	0	849	18	1			120	1	11			
Female do. ...	340	0	0	323	14	7			16	5	5			
Rations ...	1800	0	0	1678	9	0	3		121	11	0			
Stores and Furniture ...	200	0	0	154	4	5			45	15	7			
Fuel and Light ...	240	0	0	210	14	5			29	5	7			
Medicine and Medical Com-ports ...	200	0	0	217	0	6		31				17	0	6
Bedding and Clothing ...	350	0	0	308	6	4			41	13	8			
Printing and Stationery ...	10	0	0	3	10	0			6	10	0			
Amusements to Patients ...	50	0	0	18	0	0			32	0	0			
Incidental Expenses ...	100	0	0	144	11	0		3				44	11	0
	4710	0	0	4358	8	4			413	3	2	61	11	6

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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.																
Master ...	170	0	0	170	0	0										
Matron ...	50	0	0	50	0	0										
Surgeon ...	50	0	0	50	0	0										
Schoolmaster ...	150	0	0	148	6	8			1	13	4					
Attendants ...	220	0	0	220	5	9		33					0	5	9	
Maintenance ...	1183	0	0	676	9	4			506	10	8					
Fuel and Light ...	90	0	0	58	17	9			31	2	3					
Incidental Expenses ...	105	0	0	35	5	0			69	15	0					
	2018	0	0	1409	4	6			609	1	3			0	5	9
GRANTS IN AID.																
Benevolent Institutions and Country Hospitals ...	6500	0	0	5098	16	10			1401	3	2					
Public Libraries ...	600	0	0	383	8	1			216	11	11					
Acclimatisation Society ...	100	0	0	100	0	0										
Prizes for Agricultural So- cieties ...	100	0	0	100	0	0										
	7300	0	0	5682	4	11			1617	15	1					
MISCELLANEOUS.																
Volunteers ...	215	0	0	160	17	6			54	2	6					
Burial of Paupers ...	250	0	0	186	1	2			63	18	10					
Expenses of Elections ...	1000	0	0	1727	6	0		{ Sp. Order 1 15 25 27					727	6	0	
Advertising ...	1000	0	0	159	7	3			840	12	9					
Printing and Stationery ...	200	0	0	304	8	5		17 31					104	8	5	
Printing <i>Gazette</i> ...	1000	0	0	1189	4	6		Sp. Order					189	4	6	
Fuel and Light ...	150	0	0	81	10	8			68	9	4					
Collecting Dog Tax ...	150	0	0	123	16	1			26	3	11					
Relief to Destitute ...	150	0	0	78	2	6			71	17	6					
Botanical Gardens ...	400	0	0	285	8	11			114	11	1					
Arbitrations and Actions ...	1500	0	0	733	9	5			766	10	7					
Cleaning, Winding, &c., Clocks ...	50	0	0	16	7	0			33	13	0					
Witnesses' Expenses (Crown Prosecution) ...	75	0	0	18	0	0			57	0	0					
Premiums on Guarantee Policies ...	30	0	0	20	0	0			10	0	0					
Compensation to Officers on their retirement from ser- vice ...	1500	0	0	2053	12	0		Sp. Order & 33					553	12	0	
Subsidy Orepuki Mail Ser- vice ...	55	0	0						55	0	0					
Subsidy Switzers Mail Ser- vice ...	25	0	0						25	0	0					
Subsidy Lower Waitaki Ferry ...	75	0	0	75	0	0										
Southland Railway Arbitra- tion ...	3000	0	0	548	5	9			2451	14	3					
Otago Museum (App. No. 1)	250	0	0	250	0	0										
Provincial Museum (App. No. 2) ...	500	0	0	500	0	0										
Carry forward ...	11575	0	0	8510	17	2			4638	13	9			1574	10	11

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Brought forward ...	11575	0	0	8510	17	2			4638	13	9	1574	10	11
Contingent Expenses, Special Settlements ...	300	0	0	258	18	7			41	1	5			
Water Rates (Provincial Buildings ...)	100	0	0	93	0	0			7	0	0			
Electric Telegraph Messages	400	0	0	402	16	6		33				2	16	6
Refund of Assessment on Stock ...	1000	0	0	1182	14	2		Sp. Order				182	14	2
Expenses of visit of His Excellency the Governor	1000	0	0	1338	14	1		Sp. Order				338	14	1
Campbell and Robertson's Claim (App. No. 1) ...	1466	11	1	2673	7	3			0	3	10			
Campbell and Robertson's Claim (App. No. 2) ...	1207	0	0							Sp. Order & 25				
Refund of Revenue ...	500	0	0	1049	17	4								
Steam Service ...	2000	0	0	659	12	6			1340	7	6			
Home Agency ...	1500	0	0	493	18	1			1006	1	11			
Unforeseen Contingencies	2000	0	0				See Schdl.	19	2000	0	0			
General Contingencies ...	3000	0	0	2360	7	11			639	12	1			
Municipalities — Liabilities for Main Roads ...	5000	0	0	3900	0	0			1100	0	0			
Compensation for Land required for Commonage on Gold Fields ...	2000	0	0						2000	0	0			
Compensation to Murray for Improvements on Agricultural Lease ...	180	0	0	180	0	0								
Assessors under Waste Land Act ...	300	0	0	40	12	6			259	7	6			
Refund of Rents of University Reserve ...				835	2	4						835	2	4
Immigration ...	10000	0	0	2103	16	5		Sp. Order	7896	3	7			
Subsidies to Road Boards, including General Government Grant ...	29000	0	0	9842	13	11			19,157	6	1			
Do., Roads on Gold Fields	5000	0	0	407	8	0	19		4592	12	0			
Escort Service ...	600	0	0	650	0	0		33				50	0	0
Compensation for Cancellation of Leases of Runs	10000	0	0	5775	7	2			4224	12	10			
Southland Old Debts ...	50	0	0	441	16	9		Sp. Order				391	16	9
Suez Mail Service	3000	0	0						3000	0	0			
Port Chalmers Athenæum				35	0	0			2			35	0	0
Dunedin do. ...	500	0	0	500	0	0								
Invercargill do. ...	520	0	0	520	0	0								
Cromwell do. ...	150	0	0	150	0	0								
Blueskin do. ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Waikouaiti do. ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Public Library, Clyde	150	0	0	150	0	0								
Roslyn Institute ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Prospecting for New Gold-Fields ...	500	0	0	26	2	10			473	17	2			
Bonus for Manufacture of Cornsacks and Woolpacks	1500	0	0						1500	0	0			
Bonus for Whaling ...	500	0	0						500	0	0			
Dunedin Cricket Ground	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Forest Tree Seeds ...	200	0	0	116	12	4			83	7	8			
Purchase of Blk. LI. Dunedin				520	0	0		Sp. Order				520	0	0
Carry forward ...	95598	11	1	45618	15	10			54460	7	4	4480	12	1

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Brought forward ...	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	95598	11	1	45618	15	10			54460	7	4	4480	12	1
MISCELLANEOUS—Continued.														
Boring for Coals ...	500	0	0						500	0	0			
Purchase of Sections in Queenstown ...				89	5	0		1				89	5	0
Compensation to John Anderson ...				30	0	0		Sp. Order				30	0	0
Geological Survey ...	600	0	0	328	4	3			271	15	9			
Examining and Report upon Deep Leads ...	600	0	0						600	0	0			
Commissioners to settle disputed Road Claims ...	200	0	0	26	4	0			173	16	0			
Carriage of Railway Materials ...				314	2	9		Sp. Order				314	2	9
Introduction of Salmon ...	300	0	0	14	10	0			285	10	0			
Interest on Purchase Money of Howden's Section ...				88	0	0		Sp. Order				88	0	0
Compensation for Cancellation of J. D. Feraud's Agricultural Leases ...	220	0	0	350	0	0		Sp. Order				130	0	0
	98018	11	1	46859	1	10			56291	9	1	5131	19	10
SOUTHLAND RAILWAYS.														
Manager ...	400	0	0	400	0	0								
Station Master, Invercargill	250	0	0											
Do. Bluff ...	175	0	0						65	0	0			
Do. Winton ...	175	0	0											
Assistants ...	120	0	0											
Guards ...	258	0	0	258	0	0			17	2	4			
Porters ...	791	0	0	773	17	8						9	4	5
Working Foreman ...	188	0	0	197	4	5		Sp. Order				20	0	0
Engineman ...	340	0	0	360	0	0		Sp. Order				11	13	4
Fireman ...	140	0	0	151	13	4		Sp. Order				10	0	0
Shedman ...	120	0	0	130	0	0		Sp. Order						
Constable ...	146	0	0	146	0	0								
Books, Tickets, Stationery, &c. ...	150	0	0	139	12	3			10	7	9			
Extra Portage ...	100	0	0	198	4	4		25, 31, & Sp. Order				98	4	4
Overtime to Employés ...	150	0	0	241	18	7		Sp. Order				91	18	7
Fitter, Smith, and Carpenter	501	12	0	533	8	6		Sp. Order				31	16	6
Apprentice ...	66	0	0									25	13	3
Do. ...	52	0	0					Sp. Order				33	14	4
Tools, Oil, Small Stores, &c. ...	450	0	0	483	14	4		Sp. Order						
Coal ...	700	0	0	646	10	0			53	10	0			
Painting Waggon, &c. ...	150	0	0	121	7	6			28	12	6			
Additional Waggon Stock	1500	0	0	1337	13	9			162	6	3			
Maintenance of Way and Works ...	3000	0	0	3375	12	0		Sp. Order				375	12	0
Winton Station ...	450	0	0						450	0	0			
Invercargill Workshops ...	210	0	0						210	0	0			
Woodlands Railway ...				113	11	11		Sp. Order				113	11	11
	10582	12	0	10407	1	10			996	18	10	821	8	8

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DUNEDIN AND PORT CHALMERS RAILWAY.														
Traffic Manager ...	400	0	0	366	13	4			33	6	8			
Station Masters ...	645	10	0	584	7	0			61	3	0			
Clerks ...	794	0	0	809	5	6			38	14	6			
Do. Junior ...	54	0	0											
Guard ...	135	0	0	127	0	9			7	19	3			
Porters ...	780	0	0	948	3	0	7,14&S.O					168	3	0
Gatekeepers ...	156	0	0	155	14	6			0	5	6			
Engine Drivers ...	384	0	0	374	8	0			9	12	0			
Firemen ...	265	0	0	272	2	6	Sp. Order					7	2	6
Watchmen ...	201	5	0	89	0	0			112	5	0			
Constables ...	292	0	0	268	0	0			24	0	0			
Inspection of Rolling Stock	200	0	0	183	6	8			16	13	4			
Incidental Expenses ...	250	0	0	259	4	9	Sp. Order					9	4	9
Extra Labour ...	250	0	0	215	15	3			34	4	9			
Fitters ...	322	10	0	280	18	0			41	12	0			
Carpenters ...	182	10	0	206	5	0						23	15	0
Horse Drivers ...	182	0	0	149	2	6	Sp. Order		32	17	6			
Working Expenses, in- cluding Repairs to Rolling Stock ...	1700	0	0	4122	16	0	25, & S.O					2422	16	0
Maintenance and New Works ...	2300	0	0	2872	9	6	31, & S.O					572	9	6
	9493	15	0	12284	12	3			412	13	6	3203	10	9
PROVINCIAL ENGI- NEER'S DEPARTMENT.														
Provincial Engineer ...	600	0	0	663	12	0								
Arrears do. ...	63	12	0											
District Engineers ...	1100	0	0	1058	6	8			41	13	4			
Draughtsman ...	300	0	0	300	0	0								
Apprentices ...	125	0	0	112	10	0			12	10	0			
Inspector of Works ...	225	0	0	225	0	0								
Travelling Expenses ...	550	0	0	567	0	6	3					17	0	6
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	150	0	0	135	1	3			14	18	9			
Rent of Engineer's quarters	40	0	0	40	0	0								
Incidental Expenses ...	100	0	0	68	2	7			31	17	5			
	3253	12	0	3169	13	0			100	19	6	17	0	6
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.														
Repairs to Buildings ...	1000	0	0	888	14	3			111	5	9			
Tools and Material for Prison Labour ...	800	0	0	804	8	7	S.O. & 33					4	8	7
Works not provided for ...	1000	0	0	972	1	2			27	18	10			
School Buildings ...	20000	0	0	12466	3	7			8533	16	5			
Do. Repairs and Additions ...	1000	0	0											
Lunatic Asylum ...	800	0	0	1327	4	1	S.O. & 4					527	4	1
District Gaols and Police Sta- tions ...	1760	0	0	1020	16	2			739	3	10			
Carry forward ...	26360	0	0	17479	7	10			9412	4	11	531	12	8

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Brought forward ...	26360	0	0	17479	7	10			9412	4	10	531	12	8
WORKS AND BUILDINGS														
<i>Continued.</i>														
Quartz Crushing Machine Working Expenses ...	300	0	0	111	19	3			188	0	9			
Sheep Dips—Port Chalmers, Oamaru, and Bluff ...	300	0	0	210	12	8			89	7	4			
Fencing Cemeteries ...	100	0	0	90	0	0			10	0	0			
Dunedin Hospital ...	100	0	0	28	17	0			71	3	0			
Harbour Reclamation, App. No. 1. ...	5000	0	0	7065	0	0			2935	0	0			
Harbour Reclamation, App. No. 2. ...	5000	0	0											
Shed at Bluff Wharf ...	1000	0	0	555	10	6			444	9	6			
Court House, Clyde ...	600	0	0	216	7	3			383	12	9			
Powder Magazine ...	600	0	0	20	0	0			580	0	0			
Gaol, Lawrence ...	500	0	0	400	0	0			100	0	0			
Supreme Court, Dunedin ...	500	0	0						500	0	0			
Fencing Main South Road ...	100	0	0						100	0	0			
Flood-gates, Anderson's Bay Road ...	200	0	0	200	0	0								
Schoolmaster's Residence, Manuka Creek ...	200	0	0	200	0	0								
Government Buildings, Invercargill ...	2000	0	0						2000	0	0			
Oamaru Harbour Works ...	6000	0	0						6000	0	0			
Entrance to Waikouaiti River ...	500	0	0	33	10	0			466	10	0			
Waihola Jetty ...	100	0	0						100	0	0			
	49460	0	0	26611	4	6			23380	8	2	531	12	8
SURVEY.														
Contract Surveys ...	5620	0	0	3765	8	0			1854	12	0			
Special Surveys ...	350	0	0	331	18	0			18	2	0			
Renewing Trigonometrical Stations ...	490	0	0	308	3	11			181	16	1			
Minor Triangulation, 768,000 acres ...	2000	0	0						2000	0	0			
Equipment of Parties and Labourers' Wages ...	300	0	0	273	3	1			26	16	11			
	8760	0	0	4678	13	0			4081	7	0			
JETTIES AND HARBOURS.														
Dredging Harbour ...	4000	0	0	4290	11	7		Sp. Order				290	11	7
Jetty, Maori Kaik ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Repairs to Harbour Side Jetties ...	50	0	0	40	8	0			9	12	0			
Waikouaiti Jetty ...	250	0	0						250	0	0			
Moeraki Jetty ...	50	0	0	102	5	6		8				52	5	6
Kakanui Jetty ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Port Molyneux Jetty ...	100	0	0	5	2	6			94	17	6			
Shag Point Harbour Works ...	150	0	0	131	3	6			18	16	6			
Light Ship on the Inner Bar ...	300	0	0	280	10	5			19	9	7			
Light Keeper ...	100	0	0	37	10	0			62	10	0			
Bluff Wharf ...	3500	0	0	4618	9	9		31 and Sp. Order				1118	9	9
Riverton Wharf ...	600	0	0	11	14	4			588	5	8			
Dunedin Jetties ...	2000	0	0	1530	5	11			469	14	1			
	11250	0	0	11148	1	6			1563	5	4	1461	6	10

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ROADS.															
Dunedin to Waikouaiti ...	4265	0	0	2622	16	2			1642	3	10				
Waikouaiti to Palmerston ...	1166	0	0	1013	9	9			152	10	3				
Palmerston to Oamaru ...	4550	0	0	3917	7	6			632	12	6				
Oamaru to Waitaki ...	2395	0	0	1546	1	0			848	19	0				
Dunedin to East Taieri ...	3990	0	0	2716	16	4			1273	3	8				
East Taieri to Tokomairiro ...	1910	0	0	1752	13	3			157	6	9				
Tokomairiro to Clutha ...	3484	0	0	1708	2	0			1775	18	0				
Clutha to Mataura ...	3603	0	0	1021	1	3			2581	18	9				
Mataura to Invercargill ...	5000	0	0	1700	18	9			3299	1	3				
Saddle Hill to West Taieri ...	1021	0	0	637	8	1			383	11	11				
West Taieri to Rock and Pillar ...	500	0	0	167	3	8			332	16	4				
Rock and Pillar to Dunstan ...	400	0	0	245	11	4			154	8	8				
Dunstan to Cromwell ...	2020	0	0	763	18	2			1256	1	10				
Cromwell to Queenstown ...	2820	0	0	2819	4	10			0	15	2				
Cromwell to Wanaka ...	200	0	0	88	12	0			111	8	0				
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka ...	5000	0	0	6430	13	4		S. O. & 4				1430	13	4	
Tuapeka to Teviot ...	4500	0	0	2287	12	5	4		2212	7	7				
Teviot to Alexandra ...	1528	0	0	439	10	10			1088	9	2				
Dunedin to Palmerston ...	2000	0	0	500	0	0			1500	0	0				
Palmerston to Eweburn ...	4200	0	0	2705	8	11			1494	11	1				
Eweburn to Dunstan ...	1000	0	0	679	8	0			320	12	0				
Oamaru to Lindis ...	800	0	0	398	12	0			401	8	0				
Lindis to Wanaka ...	150	0	0	70	6	4			79	13	8				
Invercargill to Winton ...	300	0	0	299	1	9			0	18	3				
Winton to Kingston ...	2550	0	0	1542	16	7			1007	3	5				
Invercargill to Campbelltown ...	150	0	0	31	3	10			118	16	2				
Riverton to Wallacetown ...	2000	0	0	1093	5	11			906	14	1				
Riverton to Otautau ...	1635	0	0	1635	0	0									
Invercargill to Riverton ...	762	0	0	543	11	6			218	8	6				
Winton to Wrey's Bush ...	920	0	0	665	7	6			254	12	6				
Armstrong's Crossing to Fo- rest Hill ...	500	0	0						500	0	0				
Waikivi to Mataura ...	1000	0	0	152	8	5			847	11	7				
Dacre to Invercargill ...	1000	0	0	415	2	3			584	17	9				
Mataura Bridge to Switzers ...	1500	0	0	43	9	0			1456	11	0				
Dacre to Menzies Ferry ...	500	0	0	598	0	0		31				98	0	0	
Otautau to Elbow ...	400	0	0	52	16	6			347	3	6				
Winton to Benmore ...	560	0	0	204	0	0			356	0	0				
Round the Bluff to Thornhill's Boundary ...	574	0	0	276	3	2			297	16	10				
Northern Trunk to Port Chal- mers ...	347	0	0	187	13	2			159	6	10				
Do. to Moeraki ...	500	0	0	626	6	0		Sp. Order				126	6	0	
Do. to Oamaru ...															
Port ...	30	0	0						30	0	0				
Dunedin to North Taieri ...	763	0	0	554	14	10			208	5	2				
Do. to Portobello ...	745	0	0	898	8	5		Sp. Order				153	8	5	
Naseby to Eden Creek ...	220	0	0	175	10	2			44	9	10				
Lee Stream to Waipori ...	320	0	0	162	0	8			157	19	4				
Southern Trunk to Port Moly- neux ...	1275	1	9	1220	7	2			54	14					
Do. to Hogg's Bridge ...	846	11	4	396	5	6			450	5	10				
Tuapeka to Switzers ...	100	0	0	63	14	6			36	5	6				
Southern Trunk to Kaitangata ...	268	0	0	93	16	5			174	3	7				
Kaitangata to Tokomairiro ...	300	0	0						300	0	0				
Mataura Bridge to Toi Tois ...															
App. No. 1. ...	1000	0	0	327	2	1			2672	17	11				
Do. do. App. No. 2.	2000	0	0												
Clinton to Waipahi ...	1350	0	0	1115	5	6			234	14	6				
Waipahi to Tapanui ...	1600	0	0	612	11	11			987	8	1				
Tapanui to Moa Flat ...	50	0	0	33	17	6			16	2	6				
Do. to Switzers ...	100	0	0						100	0	0				
Carry forward ...	82667	13	1	50252	16	2			34223	4	8		1808	7	9

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Brought forward ...	82667	13	1	50252	16	2			34223	4	8	1808	7	9
ROADS—Continued.														
Waipahi to Pyramids ...	50	0	0	42	15	8			7	4	4			
Glenoamaru to Catlin's River ...	650	0	0	539	6	11			110	13	1			
Mavora Lake to Hollyford ...				10	7	6		33				10	7	6
Otautau to Wairaki Downs ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Do. to Waiau Plains ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Waipori to Weatherstones ...	500	0	0	76	14	0			423	6	0			
Maungatua to Main South Road ...	500	0	0						500	0	0			
Pine Hill Road ...	653	6	8	642	8	0			10	18	8			
Waihemo to Macraes ...	150	0	0	81	11	0			68	9	0			
Macraes to Hyde ...	135	0	0	76	17	3			58	2	9			
Hyde to Kyeburn ...	200	0	0	135	3	0			64	17	0			
Do. to Hamilton's ...	250	0	0						250	0	0			
Strath Taieri Road ...	100	0	0	85	19	6			14	0	6			
Road to Clark's Diggings ...	150	0	0	150	0	0								
Becks to Dunstan Creek ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Naseby to Kyeburn ...	50	0	0	47	10	4			2	9	8			
Kyeburn Crossing to Kyeburn Diggings ...	50	0	0	11	17	6			38	2	6			
Shag Valley to Macraes ...	550	0	0	377	5	0			172	15	0			
Kyeburn to Maerewhenua (via Pass) ...	100	0	0	3	0	0			97	0	0			
Port Chalmers to Blueskin, No. 1 ...	500	0	0	707	18	1			42	1	11			
Port Chalmers to Blueskin, No. 2 ...	250	0	0											
Dunedin to Blueskin (via Water of Leith) App. No. 1 ...	300	0	0	274	7	6			275	12	6			
Dunedin to Blueskin (via Water of Leith) App. No. 2 ...	250	0	0											
Roads and Bridges, Akatore District ...	245	0	0	184	19	3			60	1	0			
Round Hill to Waitahuna Town ...	30	0	0	54	15	0						24	15	0
Lawrence to Gabriels (via Weatherstones) ...	100	0	0	87	9	0		33	12	11	0			
Lawrence to Blue Spur ...	400	0	0	368	11	0			31	9	0			
Main South Road to Kuri Bush ...	825	0	0	474	17	3			350	2	9			
Puerua Road ...	250	0	0	187	12	0			62	8	0			
Anderson's Bay to Heads ...	750	0	0	201	10	0			548	10	0			
Camp Reserve to Duff's Store				189	8	0		Sp. Ordr				189	8	0
Havelock to Waitahuna Township, App. No. 1 ...	252	8	0	129	7	6			273	0	6			
Havelock to Waitahuna Township, App. No. 2 ...	150	0	0											
Dougherty's to Fitzgerald's ...	220	0	0	90	16	3			129	3	9			
Dalhousie to Fitzgerald's ...	250	0	0						250	0	0			
Wangaloa to Tokomairiro ...	800	0	0	483	0	0			317	0	0			
Switzers to Whitcombe ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Roxburgh to Campbell's and Pomahaka ...	50	0	0	50	0	0								
Arthur's Point to Arrow ...	593	0	0	330	4	9			262	15	3			
Macetown to Big Hill ...	400	0	0	323	0	11			76	19	1			
Cromwell to Cardrona (Track) ...	115	0	0	118	17	6		18				3	17	6
Cromwell to Matatapu ...	100	0	0						100	0	0			
Approaches to Arthur's Point Bridge ...	800	0	0						800	0	0			
Cromwell to Quartz Reef Point ...	420	0	0	420	0	0								
Carry forward ...	95056	7	9	57310	5	7			39782	17	11	2036	15	9

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Brought forward ...	95056	7	9	57310	5	7			39782	17	11	2036	15	9
ROADS—Continued.														
Cromwell to Bendigo Gully and Logantown ...	100	0	0	21	12	0			78	8	0			
Albertown to Cardrona ...	50	0	0	3	15	0			46	5	0			
Arrow to Cardrona ...	50	0	0	49	10	0			0	10	0			
Arrowtown Roads ...	150	0	0	137	16	0			12	4	0			
Arrow to Morven Ferry and Hayes Lake ...	150	0	0	162	4	2		33				12	4	2
Arrow to 12-Mile ...	100	0	0	97	10	0			2	10	0			
Macetown to Shotover Branches ...	50	0	0	30	0	0			20	0	0			
Upper Shotover Tracks ...	100	0	0	20	8	0			79	12	0			
Queenstown to Maori Point and Skippers ...	150	0	0	142	8	6			7	11	6			
Skippers to Branches ...	500	0	0	315	2	0			184	18	0			
Queenstown to Arthur's Point ...	50	0	0	50	8	0		33				0	8	0
Arthur's Point to Moke Creek ...	50	0	0	46	14	2			3	5	10			
Moke Creek to Upper Moonlight ...	100	0	0	241	5	0		Sp. Order				141	5	0
Queenstown to Head of Lake Wakatipu ...	250	0	0	230	4	0			19	16	0			
Head of Lake Wakatipu to Martin's Bay ...	500	0	0	666	4	1		Sp. Order				166	4	1
West side Lake Wanaka ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Albertown to Makarora ...	150	0	0	132	12	0			17	8	0			
Pack Track to Gull's Creek ...	150	0	0						150	0	0			
Foot Bridges, 8-Mile to Macetown ...	40	0	0						40	0	0			
Main Road, Macetown ...	50	0	0	45	0	0			5	0	0			
Taieri Mouth to Otakia ...	200	0	0						200	0	0			
Pukeuri Point to Waitaki, Lower Ferry ...	150	0	0	133	0	6			16	19	6			
Upper Kyeburn to Coal Pit ...	100	0	0						100	0	0			
Becks to Tinkers and Drybread ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Cromwell to Carricktown ...	400	0	0	281	18	7			118	1	5			
Nevis to Upper Nevis ...	400	0	0	351	4	0			48	16	0			
Paiheriwao to Nokomai ...	200	0	0	186	16	0			13	4	0			
Main Road, Tuakitoto to Lake Kaitangata ...	300	0	0						300	0	0			
Main Road to Kaitangata ...	500	0	0						500	0	0			
Do. to Saddle Hill Quarry ...	150	0	0						150	0	0			
Approaches to Clyde Ferry ...	100	0	0	100	0	0								
Queenstown to Kingston (over Devil's Staircase) ...	150	0	0	150	0	0								
Cromwell to Nevis ...	150	0	0	133	16	0			16	4	0			
Clyde to Nevis ...	50	0	0	6	13	0			43	7	0			
Approaches to Bannockburn Bridge ...	960	0	0	490	18	3			469	1	9			
Lake Road to Nokomai ...	50	0	0	39	10	0			10	10	0			
Maori Point to Miller's Flat ...	170	0	0	168	4	0			1	16	0			
Mararoa to Te Anau Road ...	250	0	0	228	4	0			21	16	0			
Jacob's River Bridge Approaches (part of Orepuki Tramway) ...	600	0	0	16	4	0			583	16	0			
Survey of Orepuki Tramway and Clearing Track ...	600	0	0	523	5	9			76	14	3			
Roads and Bridges on Gold Fields ...	3000	0	0	2033	14	0			966	6	0			
Carry forward ...	106426	7	9	64646	6	7			44136	18	2	2356	17	0

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							From	To						
Brought forward ...	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
106426	7	9	64646	6	7			44136	18	2	2356	17	0	
ROADS—Continued.														
Police Camp Buildings, Rox- burgh ...	230	0	0						230	0	0			
Arrow River Valley Track ...	1000	0	0	730	0	0			270	0	0			
Naseby to Hamilton, Appro- priation No. 1 ...	100	0	0	} 22	10	0			137	10	0			
Naseby to Hamilton's, Appro- priation No. 2 ...	60	0	0											
Road from Beach at Wai- kouaiti ...	500	0	0	0	15	0			499	5	0			
Ocean Beach Road ...	500	0	0						500	0	0			
Dunedin and Port Chalmers Beach Road ...	500	0	0	694	9	2		31				194	9	2
Tracks to Cape Wandsborough do. Milford Sound ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
do. Milford Sound ...	100	0	0						50	0	0			
Swift Creek to Tapanui ...	500	0	0						500	0	0			
North East Valley (widening)	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Finegand to Port Molyneux	500	0	0						500	0	0			
Oamaru Beach Road ...	70	0	0						70	0	0			
—	110586	7	9	66094	0	9			47043	13	2	2551	6	2
BRIDGES.														
Murray's Flat Creek ...	1600	0	0	1283	4	0			316	16	0			
Jacob's River (part of Ore- puki Tramway) ...	3400	0	0	94	4	0			3305	16	0			
Waimatuku ...	250	0	0						250	0	0			
Cromwell ...	100	0	0	91	10	8			8	9	4			
Lower Shotover ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Arthur's Point ...	2900	0	0	1996	11	11			903	8	1			
Silver Stream ...	250	0	0						250	0	0			
Makarewa ...	1250	0	0	698	16	1			551	3	11			
Waihopai ...	110	0	0	150	9	2		Sp. Order				40	9	2
Upper New River ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Upper Jacob's River ...	100	0	0	55	10	0			44	10	0			
Lower Waikivi ...	100	0	0	18	0	0			82	0	0			
Hayes Lake (Cromwell and Queenstown Road) ...	200	0	0						200	0	0			
Gentle Annie ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Maori Point ...	180	0	0	53	18	0			126	2	0			
Deep Stream, Strath Taieri	500	0	0						500	0	0			
Pleasant River (North Branch)	400	0	0	344	2	0			55	18	0			
Waikouaiti ...	150	0	0						150	0	0			
Otepopo (South Branch) ...	50	0	0	26	8	0			23	12	0			
Island Stream ...	1200	0	0	1200	0	0								
Lee Stream, Dunstan Road	400	0	0						400	0	0			
Douglas' Bridge ...	600	0	0	270	0	0			330	0	0			
Goldie's ...	250	0	0						250	0	0			
Pleasant River (Central Branch) ...	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Mill Race (Kakanui) ...	80	0	0						80	0	0			
Lindsay's Creek ...	300	0	0	325	6	6		33				25	6	[6
Balclutha ...	150	0	0	39	12	11			110	7	1			
Mataura ...	60	0	0						60	0	0			
East Taieri ...	50	0	0	40	10	0			9	10	0			
Greytown ...	2000	0	0						2000	0	0			
Pomahaka ...	700	0	0	645	4	7			54	15	5			
Mataura (Menzies Ferry)	2870	0	0	3010	17	4		31 & S. O.				140	17	4
Mataura (Pyramids) ...	1100	0	0	920	8	0			179	12	0			
Kakanui ...	300	0	0						300	0	0			
Carry forward ...	21800	0	0	11264	13	2			10741	19	10	206	13	0

DEPARTMENTS.	APPROPRIATED.			EXPENDED.			CONSECUTIVE NO. IN TRANSFER SCHEDULE.		LAPSED OR TRANSFERRED.			In excess, drawn from Unfore- seen Contin- genies, or by special order.		
							From	To						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	21800	0	0	11264	13	2			10741	19	10	206	13	0
BRIDGES—Continued.														
Owake Road to Catlin's River	150	0	0						150	0	0			
Nevis Foot Bridge ...	60	0	0	60	0	0								
Foot Bridges over Waikaka	50	0	0						50	0	0			
Do. Waikoikoi														
and M'Intyres ...	25	0	0						25	0	0			
Upper Marewhenua ...	500	0	0						500	0	0			
Shag River ...	2000	0	0						2000	0	0			
Bridge over Molyneux at Rox- burgh ...	1000	0	0						1000	0	0			
	25585	0	0	11324	13	2			14466	19	10	206	13	0
RAILWAYS.														
Invercargill and Winton Line to Otautau ...	20000	0	0						20000	0	0			
Branch Line to Green Island Coal Pits ...	6000	0	0	2403	0	0			3597	0	0			
Survey of New Railways ...	1000	0	0	349	6	4			650	13	8			
	27000	0	0	2752	6	4			24247	13	8			
CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS, (payment to be made in land.)														
Branch Line to Waiareka Val- ley ...	31000	0	0						31000	0	0			
Riverton to Orepuki ...	40000	0	0						40000	0	0			
Do. to Otautau ...	40000	0	0						40000	0	0			
	111000	0	0						111000	0	0			
NORTH OTAGO DISTRICT PUB- LIC WORKS LOAN.														
Maintenance, &c., Oamaru Harbour Works ...	22268	17	2	11713	17	0			10555	0	2			
Forming, &c., Main Road, Horse Range to Waitaki and Main North Road to Lin- dis Pass ...	7474	13	11	6764	7	1			710	6	10			
Construction, &c., Tramway Oamaru to Awamoko ...	25000	0	0	1676	10	6			23323	9	6			
Bridge, Otepopo River, at Crossing of Main North Road ...	3000	0	0	1353	6	7			1646	13	5			
Improvement Kakanui Har- bour ...	5000	0	0						5000	0	0			
Do. Moeraki Har- bour ...	3000	0	0						3000	0	0			
	65743	11	1	21508	1	2			44235	9	11			

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Loans	47,414	7	9			
Superintendent and Executive	4,190	7	9			
Provincial Council	4,015	17	2			
Treasury	1,246	12	7			
Police	20,340	12	0			
Harbour Department	6,169	1	0			
Gaol	6,322	12	8			
District Gaols	2,015	2	9			
Sheep Inspector's Department	2,029	15	11			
Education	19,030	5	11			
,, High School	3,316	16	4			
Collection of Tolls	1,356	16	2			
,, Jetty Dues	530	1	0			
Miscellaneous Salaries	1,143	0	0			
Gold Fields	8,139	17	8			
Crown Lands Survey	8,247	17	7			
Land Office, Invercargill	998	17	6			
Dunedin Hospital	5,184	18	11			
Lunatic Asylum	4,358	8	4			
Industrial School	1,409	4	6			
Grants-in-Aid	5,682	4	11			
Miscellaneous	46,859	1	10			
Railways—Dunedin and Port Chalmers	12,284	12	3			
,, Southland	10,407	1	10			
Provincial Engineer's Department	3,169	13	0			
Works and Buildings	26,611	4	6			
Survey	4,678	13	0			
Jetties and Harbours	11,148	1	6			
Roads	66,094	0	9			
Bridges	11,324	13	2			
Railways	2,752	6	4			
North Otago District Public Works Loan	36,509	1	2			
				384,981	7	9
Road Board Subsidies				19,084	12	5
				<u>£404,066</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

SCHEDULE OF TRANSFERS.
(Clause III, Appropriation Ordinance.)

CON- TINUED FIVE NO.	VOTE TRANSFERRED		AMOUNT.
	FROM	TO	
1	Provincial Council—Expenses of Members	Incidental Expenses	15 0 0
2	Land—Unforeseen Expenditure	Instruments and Repairs	32 19 10
3	Asylum—Rations	Incidental Expenses	50 0 0
4	Thapaka to Teriot	Tokomahiro to Thapaka	1200 0 0
5	Land—Engrossing Crown Grants	Instruments and Repairs	1 1 0
6	Do. Unforeseen Expenditure	Printing	50 0 0
"	Do. Travelling	Do.	50 0 0
7	Do. Incidental Expenses	Do.	20 0 0
8	Education—Travelling	Do.	20 0 0
9	Provincial Council Expenses of Select Committees	Incidental Expenses	5 0 0
10	Harbor Buys	Boats	50 0 0
"	Do. Incidental	Travelling	9 0 0
11	Land—Travelling	Printing	50 0 0
12	Gaol—Fuel	Incidental	20 0 0
13	Do. Rations	Stores	30 0 0
14	Do. Stationery	Do.	9 0 0
15	Do. Instruments	Do.	7 0 0
16	Land—Engrossing Crown Grants	Government Auctioneers	60 13 2
17	Harbor—Boating	Travelling	10 0 0
18	Hospital Rations	Incidental	10 0 0
19	Land—Lithographic Materials	Printing	35 0 0
20	Subsides to Roads on Gold Fields	Unforeseen Contingencies	28 16 3
21	Gaol—Rations	Library	2600 0 0
1	Unforeseen Contingencies	Destitute Prisoners' Relief	10 0 0
2	Do.	Expenses of Returning Officers	0 9 6
3	Do.	Auctioneers' Expenses	20 0 0
4	Do.	Port Chalmers Athenaeum	53 13 4
5	Do.	Road Engineer—Travelling Expenses	35 0 0
6	Do.	Tunaki Asylum Building	75 0 0
7	Do.	Wardens' Salaries	5 0 0
8	Do.	Draughtsman, Road Engineer's Department	195 10 0
9	Do.	Railway Manager	16 13 4
10	Do.	Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway—Clerk	16 13 4
11	Do.	do. do. Messenger	75 0 0
12	Do.	do. do. Porter	1 4 0
13	Do.	Signal Master, Bluff	16 0 0
14	Do.	Moeraki Jetty	83 6 8
15	Do.	Jetty Light-keeper and Watchman	65 0 0
16	Do.	Purchase of Sections in Queenstown	104 0 0
17	Do.	Harbor Master, Catlins	89 5 0
18	Do.	Arrowtown Roads	50 0 0
19	Do.	Inspector of Depasturing Districts	55 0 0
20	Do.	Port Chalmers Railway—Porter and Shunter	50 0 0
21	Do.	do. do. Horse Driver	28 0 0
22	Do.	do. do. Fireman	27 11 0
23	Do.	Expenses of Elections	15 0 0
24	Do.	Gold Fields—Fuel	50 0 0
25	Do.	Printing	30 0 0
26	Do.	Printing	50 0 0
27	Do.	Crownwell to Cardrona	100 0 0
28	Do.	Land Office, Invercargill—Printing	25 0 0
29	Do.	Gold Fields—Incidental	100 0 0
30	Do.	Do.	40 0 0
31	Do.	Fuel	14 0 0
32	Do.	Education—Rents	14 5 0
33	Do.	Gold Fields—Incidental	89 0 0
34	Do.	Government Auctioneers	100 0 0
35	Do.	Refunds from Revenue	60 2 11
36	Do.	Southland Railway—Extra Porters	216 15 0
37	Do.	D. and P. C. Railway—Working Expenses	60 0 0
38	Do.	Expenses of Elections	500 0 0
39	Do.	Land Department—Ranger	50 0 0
40	Do.	Messengers' Salaries	30 0 0
41	Do.	Receivers of Revenue	62 10 0
42	Do.	Hospital—Rations	35 0 0
43	Do.	Do.	58 10 8
44	Do.	Fuel	26 0 0
45	Do.	Do.	24 0 0
46	Do.	Medicines	84 0 0
47	Do.	Do.	9 0 0
48	Do.	Stores	9 0 0
49	Do.	Printing	10 0 0
50	Do.	D. and P. C. Railway—Working Expenses	300 0 0
51	Do.	Bluff Wharf	320 0 0
52	Do.	Harbor—Incidental	6 0 0
53	Do.	Buoys	10 0 0
54	Do.	Signals	3 0 0
55	Do.	Boats	14 0 0
56	Do.	Menzies' Ferry Bridge	125 0 0
57	Do.	Daere to Menzies' Ferry	98 0 0
58	Do.	Port Chalmers Beach Road	243 5 0
59	Do.	Executive—Printing	12 0 0
60	Do.	Southland Railways—Extra Porters	10 0 5

SCHEDULE OF TRANSFERS—Continued.

CONGRESSIVE NO.	VOTE TRANSFERRED		AMOUNT.
	FROM	TO	
31	Unforeseen Contingencies	Lunatic Asylum—Medical Comforts	23 0 6
32	Do. do.	Salary of Provincial Secretary	8 3 3
33	Do. do.	Harbor Department—Boating Expenses	94 10 4
"	Do. do.	Toll Collectors' Salaries	10 8 0
"	Do. do.	Gold Fields—Fuel	5 1 4
"	Do. do.	Hospital—Stores	0 11 11
"	Do. do.	Industrial School—Attendants	0 5 9
"	Do. do.	Expenses of Elections	27 6 0
"	Do. do.	Compensation to Officers on retirement	6 14 0
"	Do. do.	Telegraphic Messages	2 16 6
"	Do. do.	Escort Service	50 0 0
"	Do. do.	Lindsay's Creek Bridge	25 6 6
"	Do. do.	Interest on Loan, 1862	100 0 0
"	Do. do.	Tools and Materials for Prison Labor	0 8 7
"	Do. do.	Mavora Lake to Hollyford	10 7 6
"	Do. do.	Round Hill to Waitahuna	24 15 0
"	Do. do.	Arrow to Morven Ferry	12 4 2
"	Do. do.	Queenstown to Arthur's Point	0 8 0
"	Do. do.	Land Department—Instruments and Repairs	0 10 0

SPECIAL ORDERS.

(Provincial Audit Act, 1866, Section 12.)

1.	Purchase of Block LI., Dunedin	£520 0 0
2.	Harbor Reclamation	400 0 0
3.	Dunedin to Portobello	389 18 6
"	Main Road to Kuri Bush	135 0 0
"	Expense of Governor's Visit	1161 18 0
4.	Contract Surveys	157 7 10
"	General Contingencies	142 16 6
5.	Southland Old Debts	217 3 8
6.	Dredging Harbor	600 0 0
7.	D. and P. C. Railway Salaries	450 3 3
8.	Collection of Jetty Dues	41 15 0
9.	Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	267 0 0
"	Shotover Bridge	740 14 0
"	Lunatic Asylum Buildings	120 6 6
"	General Contingencies	150 0 0
"	Moke Creek to Upper Moonlight	162 0 0
"	Approaches to Bannockburn Bridge	75 0 0
"	Camp Reserve to Duff's Store	189 8 0
"	Survey Department—Incidental Expenses	30 0 0
"	Approaches to Waihopai Bridge	96 14 8
"	Arbitrations and Actions	150 10 0
10.	Compensation to John Anderson	30 0 0
11.	Compensation to Officers on retirement	425 4 8
12.	Beetham's Law Costs	50 0 0
13.	Compensation for Cancellation of Agricultural Leases	200 0 0
14.	Compensation to J. D. Feraud	130 0 0
"	Compensation for Cancellation of Agricultural Leases	270 0 0
15.	Carriage of Railway Materials	314 2 9
16.	Surveyors and Draughtsmen on Gold Fields	608 6 7
17.	Salary of Pier Master	99 7 6
18.	Interest on Purchase Money of Sections 141, 142, Green Island	88 0 0
19	D. & P. C. Railway Working Expenses	1032 19 0
20	Compensation to Officers	121 13 4
21	Lunatic Asylum Buildings	300 0 0
22	Expences of His Excellency's Visit	200 0 0
23	Refund of Rent of University Reserve	835 2 4
24	Bluff Wharf	800 0 0
25	Maintenance and New Works D. and P. C. Railway	460 0 0
26	Expenses of Elections	200 0 0
27	Southland Railways—Books	50 0 0
	Overtime	70 0 0
	Tools	350 0 0
	Carry forward	£12,832 12 1

SPECIAL ORDERS—*Continued.*

	Brought forward	...	...	£12,832	12	1
	Southland Railways—Waggon Stock	...	...	400	0	0
28	Southland Old Debts	...	...	300	0	0
	Expenses of Elections	...	...	350	0	0
29	D. and P. C. Railway Working Expenses	...	...	480	0	0
30	Land Office—Invercargill Printing	...	...	19	0	0
	Printing Gazette	...	...	469	0	0
	Refund of Revenue	...	...	337	0	0
	Refund of Assessment	...	...	277	0	0
	Refund of part amount paid by Corporation to Revenue Officer	...	...	25	0	0
32	Southland Railways	...	...	534	13	0
33	N. Trunk to Moeraki	...	...	127	0	0
34	Invercargill Railway—Maintenance	...	...	177	14	2
35	Menzies Ferry Bridge	...	...	16	0	0
36	Harbor Department—Buoys and Beacons	...	...	9	11	3
	Signals	...	...	17	10	0
	Tools and Materials for Prison Labor	...	...	4	0	0
	Gaol Fuel	...	...	2	3	3
	D. & P. C. Railway—Incidental Expenses	...	...	10	10	0
	Head of Lake to Martin's Bay	...	...	167	0	0
	Executive Printing	...	...	4	2	0
	P. Chalmers Beach Road	...	...	13	8	0
	Lunatic Asylum	...	...	104	6	3
				£16,677	10	0

H. LIVINGSTONE,
Provincial Auditor.

LETTERS FROM THE PROVINCIAL AUDITOR.

(Laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker, June 2, 1874.)

Office of Provincial Auditor,

Dunedin. 2nd June, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed copy of the Balance-sheet and Statement of Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1874, which was placed in my hands yesterday afternoon.

I have to direct your attention to the omission in the document of the usual certificate by the Provincial Auditor, and to explain that the balance of the books has not yet been accurately brought out, and that, therefore, I do not feel warranted in granting such certificate.

I may, however, inform you that I have examined the Statement of Expenditure, and believe it to be correct.

I have, &c.,

H. LIVINGSTON, Provincial Auditor.

The Speaker of the Provincial Council, Dunedin.

(Laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker, June 15, 1874.)

Office of Provincial Auditor,

Dunedin, 15th June, 1874.

SIR.—As directed by the Provincial Audit Act, I have the honour to transmit to you the enclosed copy of letter to His Honor the Superintendent on the subject of the Accounts and Balance-sheet for the financial year ending 31st March, 1874.

On the 2nd of the current month I wrote to you, enclosing a copy of the printed Balance-sheet, obtained after the document had been laid on the table of the Council, and in that letter I reported that the Treasury books had not then been balanced, and that, therefore, I could not grant the usual certificate.

As the provisions of the Act in regard to furnishing me with the accounts for audit have not yet been complied with, and the Session of Council is about to close, it is necessary that I should again and more fully report to you on the subject.

I have therefore to state that when it first became apparent, after the Session had begun that the difficulty would arise, I examined the Audit Act, with a view to discover whether any course of action was laid down for me in such circumstances. It is hardly to be expected that special provision should have been made for such a most unusual contingency, and accordingly I found that the Act assumes—therein agreeing with universal practice—that the books shall be balanced and the Balance-sheet prepared before the Auditor's examination and certificate are requested. It then remained for me to consider what use I should make, in the interest of the Provincial Council, of the powers indirectly bearing on the case, vested in me by the Act. It did not appear advisable at the juncture to make special investigation, as such a course would have greatly interfered with the Treasury officers in their efforts to get the accounts ready for the Council, and would, in point of fact, have amounted to constructing rather than auditing the Balance-sheet. But as I possessed in my own books a means of assisting the Treasury officers, and at the same time of arriving at a near approach to confidence in the correctness of the expenditure, I gave to the officer deputed by the Treasurer for the purpose free access to them, and all the assistance he desired, with a result—highly creditable to that officer—of bringing out a balance more nearly correct than I at first anticipated could be obtained with the time at his disposal.

I have only further to add that a correct balance has not yet been obtained, but the error, I am informed, has been reduced in amount, and there is a reasonable prospect of the accounts being placed in my hands immediately for audit, when they will be subjected to as searching an examination as the circumstances of the case demand.

I have, &c.,

H. LIVINGSTON, Provincial Auditor.

The Speaker of the Provincial Council, Dunedin.

[ENCLOSURE.]

Office of Receiver of Land Revenue,

Dunedin, 15th June, 1874.

SIR,—In view of the immediate close of the [Session of the] Provincial Council, I have to bring under your Honor's notice that there has not yet been forwarded to me, as directed by the Audit Act, the Balance-sheet and account of receipts and disbursements for the year ending 31st March, 1874.

I am, of course, aware that the balance of the books had not been brought out when the Balance-sheet, as printed, was laid before the Council, and I assume that for this reason my examination and certificate were dispensed with. I therefore considered it necessary to procure, and transmit to the Speaker of the Provincial Council, a copy of the unaudited document, with a letter stating briefly the circumstances of the case. During the Session I have waited in the hope that the officers of the Treasury would be successful in their efforts to discover the error in time to allow of an amended and certified Balance-sheet being prepared. I now find that this cannot be done, and I have therefore respectfully to inform your Honor that I have reported to the Speaker of the Provincial Council that in consequence of the document in question not having been furnished to me, I am unable to comply with the requirements of the Act in regard to the audit of the accounts for the past year.

I have, &c.,

H. LIVINGSTON, Provincial Auditor.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

ESTIMATES of REVENUE and EXPENDITURE for 1874-5.

(As Transmitted by Message No. 15, June 1, 1874.)

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR FROM 1st APRIL, 1874, TO 31st MARCH, 1875.

			£	s.	d.
General Government, Road Boards Subsidy	...	...	13,897	0	0
Crown Lands, sale of, &c,	...	...	180,000	0	0
Do. Assessment	...	...	65,000	0	0
Gold Fields Revenue	...	...	18,000	0	0
Gold Export Duty	...	...	19,000	0	0
Harbour and Jetty Dues	...	...	5,000	0	0
Tolls on Roads	...	...	13,000	0	0
Dog and Goat Tax	...	...	2,200	0	0
Licenses	6,000	0	0
Education—					
Assessment on Runs	£8,100	0	0
Rents	3,000	0	0
School Fees	1,400	0	0
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			12,500	0	0
Repayments—					
Immigration	£2,000	0	0
Hospital, Asylum, and Industrial School	2,000	0	0
Passage Money	1,000	0	0
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			5,000	0	0
Interest	2,000	0	0
Incidental Receipts	7,000	0	0
Railways—					
Dunedin and Port Chalmers and Green Island Railways	£28,000	0	0
Southland Railways	20,000	0	0
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			48,000	0	0
Reclaimed Land	25,000	0	0
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			421,597	0	0
Balance of North Otago Loan	29,235	9	11
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			450,832	9	11
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Capitation Allowance applied by the General Government towards payment of Interest on Converted Loans	62,427	7	6
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DETAIL OF THE SUMS PROPOSED TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE
DEPARTMENTS HEREINAFTER STATED.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
DIVISION No. 1.						
1.—LOANS—						
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c., payable to General Government on the Consolidated portion of the Provincial Loans	£66,341	10	0			
Arrears for Feb. & March, 1874	1,099	11	6			
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	67,441	1	6			
Less amount of Capitation Allowance under the Payment to Provinces Act	62,427	7	6			
	<hr/>			5,013	14	0
Interest on Loan 1861	3,208	0	0			
Do. 1862	7,002	0	0			
Do. Harbour Loan	3,528	0	0			
Do. Public Buildings Loan	3,206	0	0			
Interest on Dock Bonds	1,104	0	0			
Do do. New Issue	600	0	0			
Sinking Fund Loan 1861	1,203	0	0			
Do. do. 1862	1,167	0	0			
Do. Harbour Loan	1,323	0	0			
Do. Public Buildings Loan	1,202	5	0			
	<hr/>			28,556	19	0
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Interest on £2000, part Purchase Money of Stewart's Island				160	0	0
Interest, Exchange, and Commission				500	0	0
	<hr/>			£29,216	19	0

NO IN LAST YEAR'S APPROPRIATION.	PROPOSED NUM. BER.	NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION		PROPOSED APPROPRIATION.			TOTALS.	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
		DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE.							
		II.—SUPERINTENDENT AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.							
		DIVISION No. 2.							
1	1	Superintendent ...	1000	0 0	1000	0 0			
1	1	Secretary and Storekeeper ...	300	0 0	350	0 0			
1	1	Provincial Secretary and Secretary for Lands and Works ...	600	0 0	600	0 0			
	1	Provincial Treasurer ...			400	0 0			
1	1	Secretary for Gold Fields ...	600	0 0	400	0 0			
1	1	Provincial Solicitor ...	400	0 0	400	0 0			
2	2	Non-Official Members ...	250	0 0	250	0 0			
1	1	Clerk to Executive Council and Under-Secretary ...	450	0 0	450	0 0			
1	1	Chief Clerk ...	300	0 0	325	0 0			4325 0 0
1	1	Clerk and Draughtsman ...	150	0 0	150	0 0			
		SUB-DIVISION No. 1.							
		Printing and Stationery ...	30	0 0			50	0 0	
		Clerical Assistance for Provincial Solicitor ...	250	0 0			250	0 0	
		Incidental Expenses ...	20	0 0			20	0 0	320 0 0
					4275	0 0	320	0 0	4645 0 0
		III.—PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.							
		DIVISION No. 3.							
1	1	Speaker ...	150	0 0	150	0 0			
1	1	Chairman of Committees ...	75	0 0	75	0 0			
1	1	Clerk and Librarian ...	275	0 0	275	0 0			
1	1	Keeper of Chambers and Messenger ...	132	0 0	132	0 0			632 0 0
		SUB-DIVISION No. 2.							
		Expenses of Members ...	1200	0 0			1800	0 0	
		Expenses of Select Committees ...	75	0 0			75	0 0	
		Library ...	60	0 0			60	0 0	
		Printing and Stationery ...	850	0 0			750	0 0	
		Incidental Expenses ...	80	0 0			100	0 0	
		Fuel and Light ...	50	0 0			50	0 0	2835 0 0
					632	0 0	2835	0 0	3467 0 0
		IV.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.							
		POLICE.							
		DIVISION No. 4.							
1	1	Commissioner ...	500	0 0	500	0 0			
1	1	Clerk, Accountant and Storekeeper ...	225	0 0	237	10 0			
3	3	Inspectors at £300 ...	900	0 0	900	0 0			
2	2	Sub-Inspectors at £250 ...	500	0 0	500	0 0			
	1	Sergt.-Major ...					209	17 6	
9	13	Sergeants at 10s. 6d. ...	1724	12 6	2491	2 6			
9	8	Do. 9s. 6d. ...	1560	7 6	1386	19 0			
		Carry forward ...			6225	9 0			

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				SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Brought forward ...		6225 9 0		
		IV.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT <i>Continued.</i>				
		POLICE—Continued.				
30	35	Constables, at 8s. 6d. ...	4653 15 0	5429 7 6		
		£291 12s. 0d. No. 2				
36	35	Do. 8s. ...	5109 12 0	5110 0 0		
1	1	Detective, at 12s. 6d. ...	228 2 6	228 2 6		
1	1	Special Constable ...	36 10 0	40 0 0		
3	3	Cooks and Searchers ...	75 0 0	100 0 0		
		Extra Pay for Sergeants and Constables, ten years and over in the service ...	580 0 0	628 9 6		
		Sergeants in charge of Districts, 1s. per day extra ...	54 15 0	54 15 0		
		Drill Instructor ...		18 5 0		
		Allowance to Sergts. and Constables in lieu of Uniform Clothing ...		1222 15 0		19057 3 6
		SUB-DIVISION No. 3.				
		Travelling Expenses ...	450 0 0		450 0 0	
		Transport of Prisoners ...	30 0 0		100 0 0	
		Saddlery and Repairs ...	70 0 0		70 0 0	
		Stores and Furniture ...	35 0 0		70 0 0	
		Printing and Stationery ...	164 0 0		200 0 0	
		Transport of Stores ...	30 0 0		30 0 0	
		Compensation for loss of Clothing and Medical Expenses ...	20 0 0		40 0 0	
		Fuel and Light ...	470 0 0		550 0 0	
		Rewards ...	30 0 0		30 0 0	
		Police Paddocks ...	20 0 0		20 0 0	
		Prisoners' Rations ...	20 0 0		20 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses ...	150 0 0		200 0 0	
		Forage ...	1200 0 0		1400 0 0	
		Shoeing and Farriery ...	200 0 0		250 0 0	
		Arms, Accoutrements and Repairs ...	10 0 0		10 0 0	
		Electric Telegraph Messages ...	200 0 0		200 0 0	
		Vehicles and Repairs ...	40 0 0		40 0 0	
		Purchase of Horses ...	200 0 0		250 0 0	
		Gold Fields Allowance ...	100 0 0		150 0 0	
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters and Fuel ...	220 0 0		350 0 0	4430 0 0
		GAOL, DUNEDIN.				
		DIVISION No. 5.				
1	1	Gaoler ...	400 0 0	450 0 0		
1	1	Matron ...	100 0 0	100 0 0		
3	3	Senior Sergeant Overseer, at 12s. ...	657 0 0	657 0 0		
3	3	Junior Sergt. Actg. Overseers, at 11s. ...	602 5 0	602 5 0		
2	2	Warder Tradesmen, at 12s. ...	383 5 0	438 0 0		
10	18	Senior Warders, at 10s. ...	1825 0 0	3285 10 0		
7	2	Junior do. at 9s. ...	1149 15 0	328 10 0		
1	1	Female do. at 5s. ...	91 5 0	91 5 0		
		Allowance in lieu of quarters, fuel, and light, for married sergeants and warders, for long service ...	300 0 0	350 0 0		6302 10 0
		Carry forward ...		25359 13 6	4430 0 0	29789 13 6

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				SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Brought forward ...		25359 13 6	4430 0 0	29789 13 6
IV.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT. <i>Continued.</i>						
SUB-DIVISION No. 4.						
		Rations ...	700 0 0		750 0 0	
		Stores and Furniture ...	60 0 0		80 0 0	
		Library ...	25 0 0		25 0 0	
		Fuel and Light ...	150 0 0		180 0 0	
		Medicines and Medical Comforts ...	120 0 0		120 0 0	
		Clothing and Bedding ...	150 0 0		300 0 0	
		Printing and Stationery ...	10 0 0		15 0 0	
		Relief to Destitute Prisoners on discharge ...	40 0 0		60 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses ...	60 0 0		60 0 0	1590 0 0
DISTRICT GAOLS.						
DIVISION No. 6.						
1	1	Gaoler, Invercargill	175 0 0	225 0 0		
1	1	Matron, do	50 0 0	50 0 0		
2	2	Warders, at 8s. 6d. per day do ...	310 0 0	328 10 0		
5	6	Gaolers, 8s. 6d. per day ...	775 12 6	930 15 0		
	1	Sergt. Overseer of Works, Lawrence; at 11s. 6d. ...		209 17 6		
	1	Matron, Lawrence ...		50 0 0		
	4	Cooks and Searchers £25 ...		100 0 0		
		Long Service Pay—Allowance in lieu of uniform clothing ...		137 3 8		2031 6 2
		Rations, Tools, Stores, &c. ...			850 0 0	850 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS.						
DIVISION No. 7.						
1	1	Messenger ...	145 0 0	145 0 0		
1	1	do. (4 months) ...	135 0 0	45 0 0		
1	1	do. ...	78 0 0	45 0 0		
	1	Office Cleaner ...		104 0 0		
2	2	Chaplains—1 at £225, 1 at £75 ...	300 0 0	300 0 0		
		Revenue Officers ...	200 0 0	350 0 0		
1	1	Watchman, Post-Office ...	60 0 0	65 0 0		
1	1	Medical Officer, Invercargill ...	75 0 0	75 0 0		1129 0 0
SHEEP INSPECTION.						
DIVISION No. 8.						
1	1	Chief Inspector ...	400 0 0	400 0 0		
3	3	Sub-Inspectors—1 at £350, 1 at £300, 1 at £100 ...	750 0 0	750 0 0		
3	3	Sub-Inspectors at £300 ...	600 0 0	900 0 0		
1	1	Registrar of Brands and Clerk ...	225 0 0	237 10 0		2287 10 0
		Carry forward ...		30807 9 8	6870 0 0	37677 9 8

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			£	s. d.	SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			
		Brought forward ...			30807	9	8	6870	0	0	37677	9	8	
IV.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY AND SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS— <i>Continued.</i>														
SUB-DIVISION No. 5.														
		Contingent Inspection ...	150	0	0			150	0	0				
		Incidental Expenses ...	20	0	0			20	0	0	170	0	0	
CROWN LANDS (DUNEDIN).														
DIVISION No. 9.														
1	1	Chief Clerk ...	280	0	0	280	0	0						
1	1	Book-keeper ...	250	0	0	250	0	0						
1	1	Salesman ...	225	0	0	225	0	0						
3	3	Rangers ...	600	0	0	450	0	0						
1	1	Apprentice Clerk ...	50	0	0	60	0	0						
1	1	Record Clerk, Crown Grants ...	300	0	0	300	0	0						
1	1	Assistant ...	200	0	0	200	0	0			1765	0	0	
SUB-DIVISION No. 6.														
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	400	0	0			400	0	0				
		Incidental Expenses ...	200	0	0			100	0	0				
		Travelling Expenses ...	250	0	0			150	0	0				
		Engrassing Crown Grants ...	200	0	0			200	0	0				
		Expenses of Waste Land Board ...	500	0	0			560	0	0				
		Unforeseen Expenditure ...	100	0	0			100	0	0				
		Expenses of Boards of Inquiry ...						100	0	0				
		Horse Allowance for Rangers ...						300	0	0	1910	0	0	
LAND OFFICE (INVERCARGILL).														
DIVISION No. 10.														
1	1	District Land Officer ...	100	0	0	100	0	0						
1	1	Clerk ...	300	0	0	300	0	0						
		Do., at £100 ...						100	0	0				
1	1	Crown Grant Clerk ...	235	0	0	250	0	0						
1	1	Inspector of Forests ...	200	0	0	200	0	0						
1	1	Messenger ...	20	0	0	20	0	0						
1	1	Office Cleaner ...	5	0	0	5	0	0			975	0	0	
SUB-DIVISION No. 7.														
		Fees to Commissioners of Waste Land Board ...	200	0	0			200	0	0				
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	50	0	0			50	0	0				
		Travelling Expenses ...	70	0	0			70	0	0				
		Engrassing Crown Grants	60	0	0			60	0	0				
		Incidental Expenses ...	10	0	0			10	0	0				
		Classification of Land ...						310	0	0	700	0	0	
		Carry forward ...				33547	9	8	9650	0	0	43197	9	8

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				SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES				
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
		Brought forward ...		33547 9 8	9650 0 0		43197 9 8			
IV.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY AND SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.— <i>Continued.</i>										
SURVEY DEPARTMENT.										
DIVISION No. 11.										
1	1	Chief Surveyor ...	400 0 0	500 0 0						
2	1	Inspector of Surveys ...	795 0 0	425 0 0						
4	4	District Surveyors ...	400 0 0	1875 0 0						
	3	Assistant Surveyors, £350 per annum (6 months) ...		525 0 0						
	4	do. £300 ...		600 0 0						
	1	Sub- do. £200 ...		176 17 8						
3	3	Assistant Draughtsmen ...	840 0 0	900 0 0						
2	2	do. do. ...	475 0 0	550 0 0						
	1	do. Surveyor ...		275 0 0						
1		do. Draughtsman ...	212 10 0							
	1	do. do. ...		200 0 0						
1	3	do. do. ...	160 0 0	540 0 0						
1	1	Photolithographer and Printer ...	237 10 0	275 0 0						
2	3	Apprentice Draughtsmen ...	130 0 0	135 6 8						
	4	Cadets ...		222 10 0						
1	1	Messenger, Invercargill ...	31 4 0	36 0 0						
1	1	Office Cleaner ...	20 0 0	20 0 0				6755 14 4		
SUB-DIVISION No. 8.										
		Printing, Advertising, Stationery, Instruments, Litho. Materials ...			450 0 0					
		Incidental Expenses ...			170 0 0					
		Travelling Expenses ...			400 0 0					
		Unforeseen Contingencies ...			100 0 0			1120 0 0		
RAILWAYS.										
DIVISION No. 12.										
1		General Manager ...	400 0 0	600 0 0				600 0 0		
SUB-DIVISION No. 9.										
		Travelling Expenses ...			100 0 0			100 0 0		
SOUTHLAND RAILWAYS.										
DIVISION No. 13.										
1		Traffic Manager ...		300 0 0						
1		Station Master, Invercargill ...		200 0 0						
1	1	Station Master, Bluff ...	175 0 0	200 0 0						
1	1	do. Winton ...	175 0 0	200 0 0						
	1	Wharf Clerk ...		150 0 0						
	1	Goods Shed Clerk ...		150 0 0						
		Carry forward ...		42103 4 0	10870 0 0		51773 4 0			

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				SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES									
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
		Brought forward ...				42103	4	0	10870	0	0	51773	4	0	
		IV.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY AND SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.— <i>Continued.</i>													
2	2	Junior Clerks, at £70 ...	120	0	0	140	0	0							
2	2	do. at £50 ...				100	0	0							
2	2	Guards, at £140 ...	258	0	0	280	0	0							
	1	Foreman Porter ...				125	0	0							
7	10	Porters, at £113 ...	791	0	0	1130	0	0							
1	1	Constable, at 8s. ...	146	0	0	146	0	0							
	1	Wharf Foreman ...				125	0	0							
	1	Horse Driver ...				120	0	0							
		Arrears of Salaries ...				250	0	0							
													3616	0	0
		SUB-DIVISION No. 10.													
		Books, Tickets, Stationery, &c. ...	150	0	0				200	0	0				
		Extra Portage ...	100	0	0				300	0	0				
		Overtime to Employés ...	150	0	0				350	0	0				
		New Tarpaulins ...							230	0	0				
		Incidental Expenses ...							250	0	0				
													1330	0	0
		<i>Locomotive Department.</i>													
		SUB-DIVISION No. 11.													
1	1	Locomotive Foreman ...	188	0	0	240	0	0							
1	1	Engine Driver ...	170	0	0	180	0	0							
1	1	do. ...	170	0	0	170	0	0							
1	2	Firemen, at £140 ...	140	0	0	280	0	0							
1	2	Shedman ...	120	0	0	240	0	0							
3	3	Fitters, Smith, and Carpenters, at 12s per day each ...	501	12	0	561	12	0							
1	1	Apprentice ...	66	0	0	80	0	0							
1	1	do. ...	52	0	0	66	0	0							
	4	do. at £52 ...				208	0	0							
													2025	12	0
		SUB-DIVISION No. 12.													
		Tools, Oil, Small Stores, &c. ...	450	0	0				700	0	0				
		Coal ...	700	0	0				1300	0	0				
		Painting Waggon, &c. ...	150	0	0				150	0	0				
		Additional Waggon Stock ...	1500	0	0				1500	0	0				
													3650	0	0
		SUB-DIVISION No. 13.													
		Maintenance of Way and Works	3000	0	0				4000	0	0				
		Winton Station and Goods Shed ...	450	0	0				1200	0	0				
													5200	0	0
		MATAURA RAILWAY.													
		DIVISION No. 14.													
1		Station Master, Woodlands ...				180	0	0							
1		Guard ...				140	0	0							
2		Porters at £113 ...				226	0	0							
1		Engine Driver ...				180	0	0							
1		Fireman ...				140	0	0							
1		Shedman ...				120	0	0							
													986	0	0
		Carry forward ...				47530	16	0	21050	0	0		68580	16	0

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				SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES		
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
		Brought forward ...		47530 16 0	21050 0 0	68580 16 0		
		IV.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY AND SECRETARY FOR LAND AND WORKS.— <i>Continued.</i>						
		SUB-DIVISION No. 14.						
		Maintenance of Way ...			1000 0 0			
		Incidental Expenses ...			250 0 0	1250 0 0		
		DUNEDIN AND PORT CHALMERS RAILWAY.						
		DIVISION No. 15.						
	1	Station and Pier Master. Port Chalmers—3 months at £400, 9 at £300 ...	400 0 0	325 0 0				
	1	Goods Manager, 9 mos. at £250 ...		187 10 0				
3	3	Station Masters, 2 at £200, 1 at £135 ...	625 0 0	535 0 0				
	1	Chief Clerk and Accountant ..		250 0 0				
6	8	Clerks—2 at £175, 1 at £150, 3 at £125, 1 at £110. 1 at £90 ...	794 0 0	1075 0 0				
2	2	Junior Clerks at £52 ...		104 0 0				
1	1	Guard ...	120 0 0	150 0 0				
7	9	Porters—1 at £144, 1 at £132, 7 at £120 ...	780 0 0	1116 0 0				
2	2	Gatekeepers at 35s. per week ...	156 0 0	182 0 0				
2	1	Constable at 8s. per day ...	292 0 0	146 0 0				
2	2	Watchmen at £100 ...	201 5 0	200 0 0				
	1	Pointsman and Yardman ...		144 0 0				
	1	Wharf Foreman ...		200 0 0				
	4	Labourers at 7s. per day ...		438 4 0				
2	2	Horse Drivers at 8s. per day ...		292 0 0		5344 14 0		
		SUB-DIVISION No. 15.						
		Extra Labour ...			1200 0 0			
		Books, Tickets, Stationery, &c. ...			250 0 0			
		Incidental Expenses ...			250 0 0			
		Outstanding Liabilities ...			1800 0 0	3500 0 0		
		SUB-DIVISION No. 16.						
		<i>Locomotive Department—</i>						
	1	Locomotive Foreman ...	200 0 0	240 0 0				
	1	Engine Driver ...	192 0 0	192 0 0				
	1	do. 3 mos. ...	192 0 0	48 0 0				
	1	Fireman ...	140 0 0	140 0 0				
	1	Do. 3 mos. ...	125 0 0	35 0 0				
	1	Shedman ...		120 0 0				
	4	2 Fitters, 1 Smith, 1 Carpenter, at 11s. per day ...		688 12 0				
	1	Striker ...		120 0 0				
	1	Apprentice ...		52 0 0		1635 12 0		
		SUB-DIVISION No. 17.						
		Coal ...			1000 0 0			
		Tools, Oil, Small Stores, &c. ...			600 0 0			
		Painting and Varnishing Rolling Stock ...			320 0 0	1920 0 0		
		Carry forward ...		54511 2 0	27720 0 0	82231 2 0		

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				SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES								
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
		Brought forward ...				54511	2	0	27720	0	0	82231	2	0
		SUB-DIVISION No. 18.												
		Maintenance of Way and Works ...							1800	0	0	1800	0	0
		GREEN ISLAND RAILWAY.												
		DIVISION No. 16.												
	2	Station Masters, £180 ...				270	0	0						
	3	Porters, £108 ...				238	0	0						
	1	Guard, £144 ...				108	0	0						
	1	Engineman, £180 ...				135	0	0						
	1	Fireman, £140 ...				105	0	0						
	1	Shedman, £120 ...				90	0	0				946	0	0
		SUB-DIVISION No. 19.												
		Coal ...							200	0	0			
		Incidental Expenses ...							300	0	0			
		Maintenance of Way ...							520	0	0	1020	0	0
		PROVINCIAL ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.												
		DIVISION No. 17.												
	1	Provincial Engineer ...	600	0	0	600	0	0						
	3	District Engineers, at £350 ...	1100	0	0	1400	0	0						
	1	Draughtsman ...	300	0	0	350	0	0						
	1	Inspector of Works ...	225	0	0	300	0	0						
	2	Junior Draughtsmen, £85, £65 ...	125	0	0	150	0	0				2950	0	0
	1	Clerk and Accountant ...				150	0	0						
		SUB-DIVISION No. 20.												
		Travelling Expenses ...	550	0	0				600	0	0			
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	150	0	0				150	0	0			
		Incidental Expenses ...	100	0	0				100	0	0	850	0	0
						58407	2	0	31390	0	0	89797	2	0
		V.—PROVINCIAL TREASURER.												
		PROVINCIAL TREASURY.												
		DIVISION No. 18.												
	1	Sub-Treasurer ...	400	0	0	400	0	0						
	1	do. three months ...				100	0	0						
	1	Accountant ...				291	13	4						
	1	Cashier, two months at £300 ...	300	0	0	50	0	0						
	1	Do. ten months at £200 ...				166	13	4						
	1	Clerk (Junior) ...	75	0	0	85	0	0				1093	6	8
		SUB-DIVISION No. 21.												
		Printing and Stationery ...	75	0	0				100	0	0			
		Incidental Expenses ...	10	0	0				50	0	0	150	0	0
		HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.												
		DIVISION No. 19.												
	1	Harbour Master, Dock Master, and Health Officer ...	450	0	0	450	0	0						
	1	Assistant Harbour Master, Bluff ...	275	0	0	300	0	0						
	1	do. do. Dunedin ...	275	0	0	275	0	0						
	1	do. do. Oamaru ...	250	0	0	250	0	0						
	1	do. do. Riverton ...	150	0	0	150	0	0						
	1	do. do. Port Molyneux ...	100	0	0	100	0	0						
	1	do. do. Kakanui ...	100	0	0	100	0	0						
	1	do. do. Catlin's River ...	100	0	0	100	0	0						
		Carry forward ...				2818	6	8	150	0	0	1243	6	8

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				SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES								
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
		Brought forward ...				2818	6	8	150	0	0	1243	6	8
		V.—PROVINCIAL TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.												
		<i>Continued.</i>												
		HARBOR DEPARTMENT—Contd.												
1	1	Assistant Harbour Master, Waikawa	50	0	0	50	0	0						
1	1	do. do. Waikouaiti	50	0	0	50	0	0						
	1	do. do. Moeraki				100	0	0						
4	1	Pilots, at £265 ...	1060	0	0	1060	0	0						
	1	do. ...				200	0	0						
2	2	Coxswains ...	240	0	0	275	0	0						
3	3	Boats' Crews 12 men at L120 ...	1200	0	0	1440	0	0						
1	1	Signal Master ...	145	0	0	150	0	0						
1	1	do. ...	100	0	0	110	0	0						
1	2	do. @ £120 ...				240	0	0						
1	1	Time Ball Keeper ...	75	0	0	85	0	0						
1	1	Light Keeper, Black Jack's Point	30	0	0	30	0	0						
1	1	do. Oamaru ...	30	0	0	30	0	0						
	1	do. N.E. Harbour ...				40	0	0						
1	1	do. on Light Ship ...	100	0	0	100	0	0						
	1	Night Watchman ...				112	0	0				5797	0	0
		SUB-DIVISION No. 22.												
		Boats and Boating Expenses ...	430	0	0				500	0	0			
		Signals and Buoys ...	450	0	0				500	0	0			
		Fuel and Light ...	40	0	0				550	0	0			
		Incidental Expenses ...	150	0	0				350	0	0			
		Steam Launch ...							550	0	0			
		Oamaru Rocket Brigade ...							150	0	0			
		Flagstaff ...							50	0	0	2650	0	0
		COLLECTION OF JETTY DUES.												
		DIVISION No. 20.												
1	1	Collector ...	250	0	0	250	0	0						
1	1	Sub-Collector ...	104	0	0	104	0	0						
1	1	do. ...	104	0	0	104	0	0						
1	1	do. Port Chalmers ...	50	0	0	50	0	0				508	0	0
		SUB-DIVISION No. 23.												
		Incidental Expenses ...	50	0	0				50	0	0	50	0	0
		EDUCATION.												
		DIVISION No. 21.												
1	1	Secretary to Education Board and Inspector of Schools ...	500	0	0	500	0	0						
1	1	Inspector of Schools ...	350	0	0	500	0	0						
1	1	Drawing Master ...	400	0	0	400	0	0						
1	1	Clerk ...	175	0	0	187	10	0				1,587	10	0
		SUB-DIVISION No. 24.												
5	5	Rectors or Head Masters, at £200	1000	0	0	1000	0	0						
		Arrears ...				50	0	0						
60	70	Teachers, at £100 ...	6000	0	0	7000	0	0						
60	70	do. at £75 ...	4500	0	0	5250	0	0						
		Carry forward ...				22285	16	8	2850	0	0	11835	16	8

NO IN LAST YEAR'S APPROPRIATION.	PROPOSED NUMBER.	NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION.				TOTALS.						
				SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES								
			£	s.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
		Brought forward ...			22285	16	8	2850	0	0	11835	16	8	
		V.—PROVINCIAL TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT <i>Continued.</i>												
		EDUCATION.— <i>Continued.</i>												
40	45	Teachers at £60 ...	2400	0	2700	0	0							
10	12	do. at £50 ...	500	0	600	0	0							
20	25	do. of Sewing, at £25 ...	500	0	625	0	0							
35	40	do. (Pupil) ...	750	0	900	0	0							
		Education of Pupil Teachers ...	250	0	400	0	0				18525	0	0	
		SUB-DIVISION No. 25.												
		Travelling Expenses ...	200	0				300	0	0				
		Rent Allowances ...	500	0				800	0	0				
		Fees for Orphan and Destitute Children ...	400	0				750	0	0				
		Free Schools ...	450	0				450	0	0				
		School Maps and Appliances ...	350	0				500	0	0				
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	50	0				100	0	0				
		Incidental Expenses ...	50	0				50	0	0				
		School of Arts, Appliances and Teachers ...	150	0				350	0	0				
		Provincial Scholarships ...	375	0				190	0	0	3490	0	0	
		HIGH SCHOOL (Boys).												
		SUB-DIVISION No. 26.												
1	1	Rector ...	550	0	550	0	0							
3	3	Masters—1 at £525, 1 at £400, 1 at £300 ...	1225	0	1225	0	0							
1	1	Junior Master ...	180	0	200	0	0				1975	0	0	
		HIGH SCHOOL (GIRLS).												
		SUB-DIVISION No. 27.												
1	1	Lady Principal ...	300	0	325	0	0							
1	1	Master ...	350	0	350	0	0							
3	3	Assistants, 2 at £150 and 1 at £120 ...	310	0	420	0	0							
1	1	Singing Master ...	21	0	21	0	0				1116	0	0	
		HIGH SCHOOLS (CONTINGENCIES)												
		SUB-DIVISION No. 28.												
		Janitor ...	100	0	120	0	0				120	0	0	
		Printing, Stationery, Repairs, &c.	400	0				400	0	0	400	0	0	
						30721	16	8	6740	0	0	37461	16	8
		VI.—GRANTS-IN-AID AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.												
		DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.												
		DIVISION No. 22.												
1	1	Provincial Surgeon ...	500	0	500	0	0							
1	1	Resident do. ...	255	0	300	0	0							
1	1	Assistant Dispenser ...	185	0	185	0	0							
1	1	House Steward and Storekeeper ...	185	0	185	0	0							
1	1	Matron ...	80	0	80	0	0							
1	1	Midwife ...	52	0	52	0	0							
2	2	Laundresses, 1 at £50, 1 at £40 ...	90	0	90	0	0							
		Carry forward ...			1392	0	0							

NO OF LAST YEAR'S APPROPRIATION.	PROPOSED NUMBER.	NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION.			TOTALS.
				SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES		
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
		Brought forward ...		4947 0 0	5807 10 0	10754 10 0	
		VI.—PROVINCIAL TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT <i>Continued.</i>					
		SUB-DIVISION No. 30.					
		Maintenance ...	1183 0 0		1183 0 0		
		Fuel and Light ...	90 0 0		90 0 0		
		Incidental Expenses ...	105 0 0		75 0 0	1348 0 0	
		—					
		GRANTS-IN-AID.					
		DIVISION No. 25.					
		Benevolent Institutions and Country Hospitals ...	6500 0 0		6500 0 0		
		Public Libraries ...	600 0 0		600 0 0		
		Acclimatisation Societies ...	100 0 0		150 0 0	7250 0 0	
		—					
		VII.—SECRETARY FOR GOLD FIELDS.					
		GOLD FIELDS.					
		DIVISION No. 26.					
8	6	Wardens, at £500 ...	2900 0 0	3000 0 0			
5	5	Receivers, at £325 ...	1625 0 0	1625 0 0			
	1	Do., 6 months ...		162 10 0			
5	5	Bailiffs, at £150 ...	750 0 0	750 0 0			
2	2	Chinese Interpreters, at £200 ...	400 0 0	400 0 0		5937 10 0	
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		SUB-DIVISION No. 31.					
		Travelling Expenses ...	1000 0 0		1000 0 0		
		Fuel and Light ...	100 0 0		140 0 0		
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	150 0 0		250 0 0		
		Incidental Expenses ...	350 0 0		350 0 0	1740 0 0	
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				5937 10 0	1740 0 0	7677 10 0	

Sub-divs.	MISCELLANEOUS.	Proposed Appropriation.			Total.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	DIVISION No. 27.						
1	Volunteers ...		215	0 0			
2	Burial of Paupers ...		200	0 0			
3	Expenses of Elections ...		500	0 0			
4	Advertising ...		1500	0 0			
5	Printing and Stationery ...		250	0 0			
6	Printing Gazette ...		1000	0 0			
7	Fuel and Light ...		150	0 0			
8	Collecting Dog Tax ...		225	0 0			
9	Relief to Destitute ...		150	0 0			
10	Botanical Gardens ...		500	0 0			
11	Arbitrations and Actions ...		1500	0 0			
12	Cleaning, Winding, &c., Clocks ...		50	0 0			
13	Premiums on Guaranteed Policies ...		40	0 0			
	Carry forward ...		6280	0 0			

		Proposed Appropriation.			Total.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MISCELLANEOUS— <i>Continued.</i>		6280	0	0			
	Brought forward						
14	Compensation to Officers on their retirement from the service	1500	0	0			
15	Subsidy Orepuki Mail Service	55	0	0			
16	„ Switzers do.	25	0	0			
17	„ Lower Waitaki Ferry	75	0	0			
18	„ Morven Ferry	100	0	0			
19	Southland Railway Arbitration	250	0	0			
20	Otago Museum	500	0	0			
21	Contingent Expenses—Special Settlements	50	0	0			
22	Water Rates (Provincial Buildings)	100	0	0			
23	Electric Telegraph Messages	400	0	0			
24	Expenses of visit of His Excellency the Governor	500	0	0			
25	Refunds of Revenue	3000	0	0			
26	Steam Service	2000	0	0			
27	Home Agency	1500	0	0			
28	General Contingencies	5000	0	0			
29	Unforeseen Contingencies	2000	0	0			
30	Escort Service	800	0	0			
31	Geological Survey	500	0	0			
32	Compensation for cancellation of Leases of Runs	12000	0	0			
33	Refund of rent for Agricultural Leases to W. Miller	235	19	11			
34	Introduction of Salmon	300	0	0			
35	Mining Engineer	500	0	0			
36	Compensation for Roads and Deviations	1000	0	0			
37	Bonus for Pottery Works	250	0	0			
38	Do. Whaling	500	0	0			
39	Analytical Chemist	150	0	0			
40	Conservators of Taieri River	177	0	0			
41	Subsidy to Road Boards including General Govt. grant	25897	0	0			
42	Immigration	2000	0	0			
					65644	19	11

TITLE OF WORK.	LIABILITIES ON CONTRACTS.			MAINTENANCE.			NEW WORKS.			TOTALS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MAIN ROADS.												
DIVISION 28.												
<i>Main North Road—</i>												
Dunedin to Palmerston	2850	0	0	3400	0	0				6250	0	0
Palmerston to Oamaru	2570	0	0	3400	0	0				5970	0	0
Oamaru to Waitaki	850	0	0	1500	0	0				2350	0	0
<i>Main South Road—</i>												
Dunedin to East Taieri Bridge	2600	0	0	1500	0	0				4100	0	0
East Taieri Bridge to Tokomairiro	1540	0	0	1000	0	0				2540	0	0
Tokomairiro to Clutha	2570	0	0	600	0	0				3170	0	0
Clutha to Mataura Bridge	3800	0	0	1000	0	0	5000	0	0	9800	0	0
<i>Central Interior—</i>												
Saddle Hill to West Taieri Bridge	490	0	0	600	0	0	1750	0	0	2840	0	0
West Taieri Bridge to Roughridge	50	0	0	350	0	0	800	0	0	1200	0	0
Roughridge to Dunstan				500	0	0				500	0	0
Dunstan to Cromwell	1270	0	0	600	0	0	1000	0	0	2870	0	0
Cromwell to Queenstown	100	0	0	1200	0	0	1300	0	0	2600	0	0
Cromwell to Wanaka				300	0	0				300	0	0
Carry forward	18690	0	0	15950	0	0	9850	0	0	44490	0	0

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MAIN ROADS—Continued.	18690	0	0	15950	0	0	9850	0	0	44490	0	0
Brought forward												
<i>Southern Interior—</i>												
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	3500	0	0	2000	0	0				5500	0	0
Tuapeka to Teviot	2800	0	0	600	0	0	3000	0	0	6400	0	0
Teviot to Alexandra	990	0	0	750	0	0	750	0	0	2490	0	0
<i>Northern Interior—</i>												
Palmerston to Manuherikia River	2980	0	0	4000	0	0	750	0	0	7730	0	0
Manuherikia River to Dunstan	130	0	0	500	0	0	250	0	0	880	0	0
Pukeuri Point to Kurow				500	0	0				500	0	0
Kurow to Wanaka				200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0
<i>Southland Roads—</i>												
Mataura Bridge to Invercargill	4000	0	0	800	0	0	1500	0	0	6300	0	0
Invercargill to Winton				400	0	0	1000	0	0	1400	0	0
Winton to Kingston	1450	0	0	700	0	0	850	0	0	3000	0	0
Invercargill to Campbelltown				100	0	0				100	0	0
Riverton to Wallacetown	2000	0	0	800	0	0	1500	0	0	4300	0	0
Riverton to Otautau	150	0	0	600	0	0	2500	0	0	3250	0	0
Invercargill to Riverton				300	0	0				300	0	0
Winton to Wrey's Bush	300	0	0	200	0	0				500	0	0
Armstrong's Crossing to Forest Hill	500	0	0							500	0	0
Waikivi to Mataura	150	0	0	300	0	0	750	0	0	1200	0	0
Mataura Bridge to Switzers				600	0	0	1000	0	0	1600	0	0
Dacre to Menzie's Ferry							750	0	0	750	0	0
Otautau to Elbow	60	0	0	150	0	0	400	0	0	610	0	0
Ronnd Bluff to Thornhill's Boundary	300	0	0	50	0	0				350	0	0
Lake Road to Nokomai	20	0	0	150	0	0	200	0	0	370	0	0
Elbow to Te Anau	20	0	0	50	0	0	200	0	0	270	0	0
Otautau to Wairaki Downs				50	0	0				50	0	0
Otautau to Waiau Plains				100	0	0				100	0	0
Jacobs River Bridge Approaches							600	0	0	600	0	0
Main Road through Winton							180	0	0	180	0	0
Main Road through Wallacetown							100	0	0	100	0	0
MAIN BRANCH ROADS.												
DIVISION 29.												
Northern Trunk to Port Chalmers	60	0	0	400	0	0				460	0	0
Northern Trunk to Moeraki	350	0	0	250	0	0	150	0	0	750	0	0
Do. to Oamaru Port	252	0	0							252	0	0
Dunedin to North Taieri	50	0	0	600	0	0	750	0	0	1400	0	0
Dunedin to Portobello	220	0	0	800	0	0				1020	0	0
Kyeburn Crossing to Eden Creek (via Naseby)				250	0	0				250	0	0
Lee Stream to Waipori	30	0	0	150	0	0	150	0	0	330	0	0
Southern Trunk to Port Molyneux	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	3000	0	0
Southern Trunk to Hogg's Bridge	600	0	0	500	0	0	500	0	0	1600	0	0
Tuapeka to Switzers				200	0	0				200	0	0
Southern Trunk to Kaitangata	800	0	0	1000	0	0	500	0	0	2300	0	0
Mataura Bridge to Tois Tois	2750	0	0	500	0	0	500	0	0	3750	0	0
Clinton to Waipahi	1000	0	0	600	0	0	1000	0	0	2600	0	0
Waipahi to Tapanui	500	0	0	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	2500	0	0
Tapanui to Moa Flat	100	0	0	50	0	0	200	0	0	350	0	0
Waipahi to Pyramids	100	0	0	100	0	0				200	0	0
Lower to Upper Owake							200	0	0	200	0	0
Glenoamaru to Catlin's River	400	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	1200	0	0
Port Molyneux to Nuggetts							100	0	0	100	0	0
Maungatua to Main South Road	500	0	0				250	0	0	750	0	0
Main Road to Menzies Ferry Bridge							500	0	0	500	0	0
Waipori to Wetherstones				100	0	0				100	0	0
Lower Waipori to Main South Road							300	0	0	300	0	0
Carry forward	46752	0	0	37650	0	0	34030	0	0	118432	0	0

TITLE OF WORK.	LIABILITIES ON CONTRACTS.			MAINTENANCE.			NEW WORKS.			TOTALS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	46752	0	0	37650	0	0	34030	0	0	118432	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ROADS AND TRACKS.												
Pine Hill Road ...	330	0	0	250	0	0				580	0	0
Port Chalmers to Blueskin ...	350	0	0				500	0	0	850	0	0
Dunedin to Blueskin (<i>via</i> Water of Leith) ...	210	0	0				200	0	0	410	0	0
Anderson's Bay to Heads ...	700	0	0				500	0	0	1200	0	0
Main South Road to Kuri Bush ...	400	0	0				600	0	0	1000	0	0
Wangaroa to Tokomairiro ...	350	0	0				100	0	0	450	0	0
Roads and Bridges, Akatore District ...	60	0	0				200	0	0	260	0	0
Taieri Mouth to Otakia ...	250	0	0				150	0	0	400	0	0
Pukeuri Point to Waitaki Lower Ferry ...				400	0	0	100	0	0	500	0	0
Main Road to Saddle Hill Quarry ...	150	0	0							150	0	0
Ocean Beach Road ...	500	0	0							500	0	0
Main Road to Waikouaiti Harbor ...							750	0	0	750	0	0
Tuakitoto to Lake Kaitangata ...	1000	0	0							1000	0	0
Approaches to Pyramid Bridge ...							120	0	0	120	0	0
Tapanui to Swift Creek ...							500	0	0	500	0	0
Fencing Main South Road at Otakia ...	100	0	0							100	0	0
Finnegand to Port Molyneux ...	564	0	0				500	0	0	1064	0	0
Approaches to Beaumont Bridge ...							600	0	0	600	0	0
Round Hill to Havelock (<i>via</i> Waitahuna) ...				50	0	0				50	0	0
Lawrence to Gabriels (<i>via</i> Wetherstones) ...				100	0	0	50	0	0	150	0	0
Lawrence to Dalhousie ...	250	0	0	50	0	0				300	0	0
Hyde to Hamilton's ...				150	0	0				150	0	0
Strath Taieri Road ...							200	0	0	200	0	0
Road to Clarke's Diggings ...				50	0	0				50	0	0
Naseby to Kyeburn Diggings ...							50	0	0	50	0	0
Kyeburn Crossing to Diggings ...							50	0	0	50	0	0
Kyeburn to Maerewhenua (<i>via</i> Pass) ...							200	0	0	200	0	0
Shag Valley to Kyeburn (<i>via</i> Macraes and Hyde) ...	580	0	0	550	0	0				1130	0	0
Beck's to Dunstan Creek ...				50	0	0				50	0	0
Upper Kyeburn to Coal Pit ...							50	0	0	50	0	0
Beck's to Tinkers and Drybread ...	50	0	0	25	0	0				75	0	0
Naseby to Hamilton's ...				50	0	0				50	0	0
Roxburgh to Campbell's and Pomahaka ...				50	0	0				50	0	0
Cromwell to Quartz Reef Point ...				50	0	0	100	0	0	150	0	0
Cromwell to Bendigo Gully and Logantown ...				150	0	0				150	0	0
Cromwell to Carrick Town and Range ...	50	0	0	150	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0
Cromwell to Nevis ...				100	0	0	300	0	0	400	0	0
Cromwell to Cardrona ...				200	0	0				200	0	0
Clyde to Nevis ...				100	0	0				100	0	0
Cromwell to Cardrona, <i>via</i> Kirtleburn ...				50	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0
Albertown to Pembroke ...				50	0	0				50	0	0
Arrow to Cardrona ...				100	0	0				100	0	0
Morven Ferry to Arthur's Point ...	85	0	0	65	0	0				150	0	0
Arrow to Morven Ferry and Hayes Lake ...				100	0	0	100	0	0	200	0	0
Approaches to Arthur's Point Bridge ...				100	0	0	100	0	0	200	0	0
Arthur's Point to Moke Creek ...				75	0	0				75	0	0
Arthur's Point to Arrow ...	100	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	450	0	0
Moke Creek to Upper Moonlight ...				100	0	0				100	0	0
Queenstown to head of Lake Wakatipu ...				75	0	0	125	0	0	200	0	0
Head of Lake Wakatipu to Martin's Bay ...							500	0	0	500	0	0
Queenstown to Maori Point and Skippers ...				100	0	0	100	0	0	200	0	0
Queenstown to Arthur's Point ...				100	0	0	50	0	0	150	0	0
Skippers to Branches ...				100	0	0	100	0	0	200	0	0
Queenstown to Kingston, <i>via</i> Staircase ...				50	0	0	100	0	0	150	0	0
Arrowtown Roads ...	30	0	0							30	0	0
Arrow to 12-Mile ...				50	0	0				50	0	0
Arrow River Valley Track ...				100	0	0				100	0	0
Macetown to Shotover Branches ...				50	0	0	50	0	0	100	0	0
Roads not provided for ...							2000	0	0	2000	0	0
Main Road, Tapanui ...	50	0	0							50	0	0
Carry forward ...	52911	0	0	41640	0	0	43575	0	0	138126	0	0

TITLE OF VOTE.	LIABILITIES ON CONTRACTS.			MAINTENANCE.			NEW WORKS.			TOTALS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	52911	0	0	41640	0	0	43575	0	0	138126	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ROADS AND TRACKS—Continued.												
Roads and Bridges on Gold Fields				5000	0	0				5000	0	0
Pack Track to Gully Creek	50	0	0							50	0	0
Foot Bridges, 8-Mile to Macetown	40	0	0							40	0	0
Main Road, Macetown							20	0	0	20	0	0
Maori Point to Miller's Flat				50	0	0				50	0	0
Upper Shotover Tracks				100	0	0				100	0	0
West side Lake Wanaka				50	0	0				50	0	0
Albertown to Makarora				100	0	0	100	0	0	200	0	0
Pack Track to Gill's Creek				50	0	0				50	0	0
Macetown to Big Hill				100	0	0				100	0	0
Approaches to Nevis Ferry Bridge							400	0	0	400	0	0
North-East Valley Road	50	0	0							50	0	0
Tinkers to Tiger Hill and Blacks							100	0	0	100	0	0
Dunedin and Port Chalmers Beach Road	460	0	0							460	0	0
Portobello to Heads							500	0	0	500	0	0
Papanui Road, Portobello							75	0	0	75	0	0
Flood-gates and Ditches, Anderson's Bay Road							100	0	0	100	0	0
BRIDGES.												
DIVISION 30.												
West Taieri				500	0	0				500	0	0
Lower Silver Stream				50	0	0				50	0	0
Maintenance of Bridges (Saddle Hill to West Taieri Bridge)				100	0	0				100	0	0
Waikouaiti (on account)							2000	0	0	2000	0	0
Waiareka							750	0	0	750	0	0
Kakanui (on account)							2000	0	0	2000	0	0
Maintenance of Bridges (Palmerston to Oamaru)				600	0	0				600	0	0
Coal Creek							500	0	0	500	0	0
Lees Stream	1000	0	0							1000	0	0
Deep Stream							750	0	0	750	0	0
Oreti at Winton (on account)							2000	0	0	2000	0	0
Manuherikia at Blacks							500	0	0	500	0	0
Chatto Creek							400	0	0	400	0	0
Waikaka (Waipahi to Pyramids)							400	0	0	400	0	0
Kuriwao (Clutha to Maitara)							1200	0	0	1200	0	0
Waipahi (South Branch)							1000	0	0	1000	0	0
Waipahi Tributaries (two bridges)							600	0	0	600	0	0
Tamaipi (Clutha to Maitara)							300	0	0	300	0	0
Trumbles Creek do.							300	0	0	300	0	0
Wetherstones Creek							200	0	0	200	0	0
Taieri River at Greytown	2000	0	0							2000	0	0
Lower Waikivi							200	0	0	200	0	0
Taieri River (Naseby to Hyde) (on account)							1000	0	0	1000	0	0
Otepopo							2000	0	0	2000	0	0
Oreti River at Daniel's Crossing (on account)							1000	0	0	1000	0	0
Waimumu Creek, near Maitara Bridge							250	0	0	250	0	0
Shag River							2000	0	0	2000	0	0
Cromwell							1500	0	0	1500	0	0
Balclutha				250	0	0				250	0	0
East Taieri				130	0	0				130	0	0
Jacob's River, at Riverton	5000	0	0							5000	0	0
Maitara, at Pyramids	400	0	0							400	0	0
Waitaki Bridge							5000	0	0	5000	0	0
Murray's Flat Creek	200	0	0							200	0	0
Iron Girders for Bridges	629	13	4							629	13	4
Oamaru Creek (South Molyneux Road)							350	0	0	350	0	0
Gentle Annie							100	0	0	100	0	0
Lower Shotover							300	0	0	300	0	0
Carry forward	62740	13	4	49120	0	0	71070	0	0	182930	13	4

TITLE OF WORK.	LIABILITIES ON CONTRACTS.			MAINTENANCE.			NEW WORKS.			TOTALS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	62740	13	4	49120	0	0	71070	0	0	182930	13	4
BRIDGES—Continued.												
Upper Shotover	100	0	0				100	0	0	200	0	0
Roaring Meg				100	0	0				100	0	0
Mataura (Main Road)				120	0	0				120	0	0
Puerua (South Molyneux Road)				70	0	0				70	0	0
Waitapeka do.				50	0	0				50	0	0
Brady Creek do.				40	0	0				40	0	0
Johnson's Creek do.				40	0	0				40	0	0
Winton Creek							150	0	0	150	0	0
Hedgehope							200	0	0	200	0	0
Titipua							150	0	0	150	0	0
Haye's Lake	220	0	0							220	0	0
Hogg's Creek (South Molyneux Road)				40	0	0				40	0	0
Foris Creek do.				30	0	0				30	0	0
Hay's Creek do.				60	0	0				60	0	0
Waipahi (Central Road) Clinton to Waipahi...				50	0	0				50	0	0
Stony Creek (two bridges) Tokomairiro to Clutha...				150	0	0				150	0	0
Lovell's Flat (two bridges) Tokomairiro to Clutha...				90	0	0				90	0	0
Manuka Creek (seven bridges) Tokomairiro to Tuapeka							1000	0	0	1000	0	0
Waikoikoi—Waipahi to Tapanui				100	0	0				100	0	0
Upper Jacob's River				50	0	0				50	0	0
Upper New River	20	0	0	120	0	0				140	0	0
Waimatuku	250	0	0							250	0	0
Makerewa	300	0	0							300	0	0
Tomoporaki	120	0	0							120	0	0
Pleasant River (central branch)				250	0	0				250	0	0
Goldies	215	0	0							215	0	0
Douglas	480	0	0							480	0	0
Upper Silver Stream				50	0	0				50	0	0
JETTIES AND HARBOURS.												
DIVISION 31.												
Port Molyneux Jetty				450	0	0				450	0	0
Kaitangata (two Jetties)							400	0	0	400	0	0
Waiholā	100	0	0							100	0	0
Waikouaiti Harbour	1200	0	0				500	0	0	1700	0	0
Waikouaiti Jetty							250	0	0	250	0	0
Riverton Jetty	900	0	0				300	0	0	1200	0	0
Moeraki Jetty							250	0	0	250	0	0
Bluff Wharf and Approaches	400	0	0				2000	0	0	2400	0	0
Dunedin Jetties	550	0	0				2000	0	0	2550	0	0
Harbour Reclamation at Port Chalmers	4200	0	0							4200	0	0
Harbour Reclamation at Dunedin	3710	0	0							3710	0	0
New River Harbour							300	0	0	300	0	0
Oamaru Harbour Works							6000	0	0	6000	0	0
Dredging Harbour	1000	0	0				4000	0	0	5000	0	0
Steam Tender for Dredge							2000	0	0	2000	0	0
Toi Tois Jetty							200	0	0	200	0	0
SURVEY.												
DIVISION 32												
Special Contract Surveys	6000	0	0							6000	0	0
Renewing Trigonometrical Stations							450	0	0	450	0	0
Equipment of Parties							2500	0	0	2500	0	0
Carry forward	82505	13	4	50980	0	0	93820	0	0	227305	13	4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	82505	13	4	50980	0	0	93820	0	0	227305	13	4
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.												
DIVISION 33.												
Lighthouse, Oamaru ...							300	0	0	300	0	0
Pilot Houses ...				450	0	0				450	0	0
Powder Magazine, Port Chalmers ...							200	0	0	200	0	0
Goods Shed, Kaitangata Wharf ...							50	0	0	50	0	0
Lunatic Asylum, Tokomairiro ...							1000	0	0	1000	0	0
Reformatory ...							300	0	0	300	0	0
Repairs to Buildings ...				1000	0	0				1000	0	0
Tools and Materials for Employment of Prisoners ...							800	0	0	800	0	0
Works not provided for ...							1000	0	0	1000	0	0
Repairs and Additions to School Buildings ...				1000	0	0				1000	0	0
Lunatic Asylum, Dunedin ...				600	0	0				600	0	0
District Gaols and Police Stations ...				520	0	0	2000	0	0	2520	0	0
Fencing Cemeteries ...							100	0	0	100	0	0
Harbour Reclamation ...							2000	0	0	2000	0	0
Court House, Clyde ...	400	0	0							400	0	0
Gaol, Lawrence ...	200	0	0							200	0	0
Improvements, York Place ...							2000	0	0	2000	0	0
Repairs to District Survey Offices ...				100	0	0				100	0	0
School Buildings ...							20000	0	0	20000	0	0
Invercargill Goods Shed ...	1000	0	0							1000	0	0
Museum on Account ...							2500	0	0	2500	0	0
Athenæums ...							1000	0	0	1000	0	0
	84105	13	4	54650	0	0	127070	0	0	265825	13	4
NORTH OTAGO, DISTRICT PUBLIC WORKS LOAN.												
DIVISION 34.												
For the Erection, Construction, and Maintenance of Harbour Works at Oamaru ...	10555	0	2							10555	0	2
Forming and Metalling Main Road from Horse Range to Waitaki River, and from Main North Road to Lindis Pass ...	710	6	10							710	6	10
Construction and Maintenance of Tramway from Oamaru to Awamoko ...	8323	9	6							8323	9	6
Bridge over Otepopo River at Crossing of Main South Road ...	1646	13	5							1646	13	5
Improvement of Kakanui Harbour ...	5000	0	0							5000	0	0
Do. Moeraki Harbour ...	3000	0	0							3000	0	0
	29235	9	11							29235	9	11

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.

Total brought from Loans ...	£29216	19	0
Do. Superintendent's Department ...	4645	0	0
Do. Provincial Council ...	3647	0	0
Do. Provincial Secretary and Secretary for Lands and Works ...	89797	2	0
Do. Provincial Treasurer ...	37461	16	8
Do. Grants-in-Aid ...	19352	10	0
Do. Gold Fields Department ...	7677	10	0
Do. Miscellaneous ...	65644	19	11
Do. Roads, Works, and Bridges ...	265825	13	4
Do. North Otago Districts Public Works Loan ...	29235	9	11
	552484	0	10

Estimates, No. 2, 1874-5.

WORKS PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED OUT OF REVENUE OR OUT OF LOAN.

	LIABILITIES.			NEW WORKS.			TOTALS.		
RAILWAYS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Otautau Line to Invercargill, and Winton Line at Makarewa Bridge	32100	0	0				32100	0	0
Branch Line to Green Island Coal Pits	4660	0	0	4500	0	0	9160	0	0
Waiareka Valley	45000	0	0				45000	0	0
Riverton to Orepuki	28400	0	0				28400	0	0
Riverton to Otautau	37100	0	0				37100	0	0
Survey of New Railways				1000	0	0	1000	0	0
Harbour Works, Kakanui				10000	0	0	10000	0	0
BRIDGE.									
Taieri, at Hyde				2000	0	0	2000	0	0
	147260	0	0	17500	0	0	164760	0	0

S T A T E M E N T

SHEWING the Liabilities of the Province on account of Loans at 31st March, 1874, the amount of Sinking Fund accrued, the Balance of Indebtedness, and the amount of Annual Charge for Interest and Sinking Fund.

ACT AUTHORISING THE LOAN.	AMOUNT.			SINKING FUND ACCRUED.			TOTAL DEBT AFTER DEDUCTING SINKING FUND.			ANNUAL CHARGE						TOTAL.		
										INTEREST.			SINKING FUND					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Zealand Loan Act 1856 ...	81,000	0	0	31,031	5	4	49,968	14	8	3,240	0	0	1,620	0	0	4,860	0	0
Consolidated do. 1867 ...	903,450	0	0	51,973	0	0	948,877	0	0	45,172	10	0	9,034	10	0	54,207	0	0
Defence Loan Act ...	90,400	0	0															
Consolidated Loan Application Act ...	7,000	0	0							350	0	0				350	0	0
Otago Loan Ordinance 1861-2	40,100	0	0	16,197	8	8	23,902	11	4	3,208	0	0	1,203	0	0	4,411	0	0
Do. do. 1862 ...	116,700	0	0	14,325	11	9	102,374	8	3	7,002	0	0	1,167	0	0	8,169	0	0
Do. Harbour Loan ...	44,100	0	0	15,992	7	10	28,107	12	2	3,528	0	0	1,323	0	0	4,851	0	0
Do. Public Buildings 1862	40,075	0	0	12,641	3	0	27,433	17	0	3,206	0	0	1,202	5	0	4,408	5	0
Do. Dock Bonds ...	13,800	0	0				13,800	0	0	1,104	0	0				1,104	0	0
Do. do. Additional issue	10,000	0	0				10,000	0	0	6 per cent.								
North Otago Districts Public Works Loan Act 1872 ...	50,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	49,000	0	0	6 per cent.			10 per cent.					
	1,396,625	0	0	143,160	16	7	1,253,464	3	5	71,330	10	0	16,453	15	0	87,784	5	0
Total of Loans under Acts of Assembly ...	1,131,850	0	0	84,004	5	4	1,047,845	14	8	53,282	10	0	11,558	10	0	64,841	0	0
Total of Loans under Provincial Ordinance ...	264,775	0	0	59,156	11	3	205,618	8	9	18,048	0	0	4,895	5	0	22,943	5	0
	1,396,625	0	0	143,160	16	7	1,253,464	3	5	71,330	10	0	16,453	15	0	87,784	5	0

Reports from Waste Lands and Immigration Committee.

[ORDER OF REFERENCE.—*Ordered*—That a Waste Lands and Immigration Committee be appointed consisting of Mr. Speaker [with his consent], Mr. De Lautour, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Webster, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, &c., and to whom all matters and petitions on land and immigration shall be referred. Committee to report from time to time. *Mr. J. C. Brown*, May 12. Members elected by ballot.]

INTERIM REPORT, No. 1.—*In re* PETITION OF 64 SETTLERS IN SHAG VALLEY DISTRICT.

(*Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown, May 21, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray for the opening of land for settlement in the district of Shag Valley.

Your Committee having considered this Petition, have now to report, that inasmuch as the Government has made a partial provision to meet the wishes of the residents in Shag Valley, they would recommend the Petition to the favourable consideration of the Government in selecting any future Hundreds.

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

Dunedin, 21st May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 2.—*In re* PETITION OF 84 OWNERS OF LAND, OCCUPIERS OF AGRICULTURAL LEASEHOLDS, AND SETTLERS IN THE DISTRICTS OF CROOKSTON AND TUAPEKA.

(*Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown, May 26, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray that additional land may be opened for settlement in the districts of Crookston and Tuapeka.

Your Committee having carefully considered this Petition, are of opinion that the Petitioners show that it is desirable another block under the agricultural lease system should be opened, all the available land being taken up.

Your Committee are of opinion, that while not justified from the evidence before them, in recommending the special block asked for, they are justified in strongly recommending the Government to declare such block as may be deemed advisable, convenient to the land occupied by the Petitioners.

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

Dunedin, 26th May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 3.—*In re* PETITION OF 28 RESIDENTS OF HYDE.

(*Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown, May 26, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray that an additional block of land may be opened under the deferred payment system.

Your Committee having considered this Petition, are of opinion that it is desirable to open another block under the deferred payment system, nearly all the land recently thrown open having been applied for.

Your Committee are of opinion, that while not justified from the evidence before them, in recom-

mending the special block asked for, they are justified in strongly recommending the Government to declare such block as may be considered advisable, convenient to the land occupied by the Petitioners.

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

Dunedin, 26th May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 4.—*In re* PETITION OF 33 RESIDENTS OF THE CAIRN HILL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND VICINITY.

(Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown, May 28, 1874.)

The Petitioners pray that another block of 2500 acres may be opened under the deferred payment system.

Your Committee having had satisfactory evidence as to the character of the block of land asked for by the Petitioners, and being satisfied that the conditions of the Act as to settlement are fulfilled on block I, Cairn Hill, recommend that a block under the agricultural lease system of 2500 acres be declared open for settlement in that locality.

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

Dunedin, 28th May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT No. 5.—*In re* SHAG VALLEY LAND SALE.

(Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown, June 2.)

[ORDER OF REFERENCE Resolved.—“That in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the Waste Lands Committee should enquire into the sale of 3,000 acres of land in the Shag Valley District to Colonel Kitchener and F. D. Rich, in July, 1873, contrary to the Petition of settlers in the district, and a Resolution of this Council dated July 10th, 1873.”—*Mr. M. Kenzie, May 19.*]

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the question, viz.—The sale of 3,000 acres of land in the Shag Valley District to Colonel Kitchener and F. D. Rich, in July, 1873, contrary to the Petition of settlers in the district, praying that the remaining portion of unsold land in the Moeraki Hundreds be withdrawn from sale and set aside as commonage, and a Resolution of this Provincial Council, dated July 10th, 1873, referred to them.

Your Committee have taken evidence thereon, and find that the land in question was advertised to be sold by public auction on the 16th July, 1873; that it was suddenly withdrawn from sale by a telegram addressed to the Government auctioneer, dated 14th July, 1873, by authority of the Chief Commissioner acting on the distinct Resolution of the Provincial Council that such withdrawal was desirable; that subsequently the Waste Land Board being applied to by Mr. F. D. Rich and by Mr. Elliott on behalf of Colonel Kitchener on 29th July, 1873, that they should be allowed to purchase the sections in the Moeraki District so withdrawn, agreed so to allow, if the Superintendent did not choose to exercise his right of reservation from sale. The Superintendent, on being applied to, stated that he had no objection to the sale. The Board then, apparently, had no alternative but to allow the sale to be concluded.

Your Committee have no doubt, from the evidence attached, that a loss to the Provincial Revenue of over £3,000, and an injustice to others prepared to purchase, has been the result of this sale, and that the Council should have been allowed the opportunity of reconsidering this session their decision of last session, in order that, if reversed, the land might have been submitted to public competition.

Your Committee would also point out that if the peculiar relations between the irresponsible Waste Lands Board and the responsible Government of the Province were not in existence, the conditions under which this sale was effected could not have been created.

Your Committee are of opinion that the late Government are responsible for a serious loss of revenue to the Province, and an injustice to intending competitors, by not carrying out the Resolution of the Provincial Council passed on the 10th July, 1873,—“That this Council recommends the Government to grant the prayer of the Petition of settlers in Shag Valley District”—the Superintendent having been advised by his responsible advisers on the 31st July, 1873, one day after the session closed, not to exercise his right of reservation.

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 2, 1874.

EVIDENCE REFERRED TO IN INTERIM REPORT No. 5 FROM THE WASTE LANDS COMMITTEE.

(Evidence taken on the 27th May, 1874.)

MR. SAMUEL EDWARD SHRIMSKI, Government Auctioneer, Oamaru, attended and stated as follows:—

I am auctioneer for the districts of Oamaru and Waikouaiti. On 26th June, 1873, I received instructions, as per document A appended, to sell certain lands. The next document I produce is a fly-sheet of the *Gazette*, with the alterations officially marked by Mr. M'Goun, and marked B, appended. I also hand in complete list of special sections withdrawn from sale as specified in the original instructions initialed C, appended; also Map furnished for the guidance of the auctioneer.

On the 14th July, one or two evenings previous to the sale, I received the following telegram, which I produce, initialed D appended, postponing the sale of Blocks 13 and 14, by order of the Chief Commissioner. The duty of the auctioneer is to notify as publicly as he can do, without incurring unauthorised expense, any intended sales. I accordingly, having notified to intending purchasers the sale, felt dissatisfied at the withdrawal, and telegraphed for the reason. I received reply initialed E, appended.

I proceeded to the place appointed for the sale at Palmerston, and found a large attendance of buyers, including Mr. Elliot, Mr. Rich, Mr. John Douglas, Mr. Sise, and others, which led me to anticipate a brisk competition.

I then notified the withdrawal of Blocks 13 and 14 by instruction. There was great and general dissatisfaction expressed amongst those who came from a distance to purchase. Mr. Elliott, on behalf of Colonel Kitchener, insisted on my offering the land for sale. I declined, when he insisted on my noting that he was willing to buy the land. Mr. J. Douglas said that he came to compete for the same land. I had no further information in reference to the said Blocks until I saw in the *Otago Daily Times*, of August 1st, 1873, a report of the Waste Land Board's proceedings, in which the Board resolved to sell after having received a memorandum from the Superintendent that he did not object to the sale. Document initialed F, appended.

I made application after this for my commission upon the sale, on the ground of having received instructions to sell the same, and the land having been subsequently sold to two of the intending purchasers present on the day appointed for sale by public auction. I received the following reply, initialed G, appended, offering me the actual expenses incurred, which I refused.

Several of the parties then present, and prepared to purchase, have expressed dissatisfaction respecting the sale of the land to Colonel Kitchener without giving them an opportunity of competing. I believe that the land, if it had been sold publicly at the time advertised, would have fetched upwards of £2 per acre.

The total acreage withdrawn was 3237, 3, 6, the upset price of which was 10s. per acre, in addition to the survey fees.

SAMUEL E. SHRIMSKI.

(Papers referred to in Mr. Shrimski's Evidence.)

(A)

Department of Lands and Survey, Otago,

Dunedin, 23rd June, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward documents as per margin, relative to Town and Rural Land Sales on the 14th of next month and days following. (Lithographs Blocks 5 and 10, Hawksbury; 14 Moeraki and 7 Oamaru; Tracing, parts 5 and 6, Maerewhenua District; Corrected Gazette, 855; Forms Town Land Sale List; Rural Sale Lists.)

In exposing Section 1, Block 10, Hawksbury District, and the lands in Blocks 13 and 14, Moeraki District, add to the upset price (*viz.*, 10s. per acre) the survey expenses set opposite each section in list respectively in pencil, and forward the amounts at the same time as the proceeds of the sales.

No survey expenses have been contracted on the other lands for sale: nor have any deposits been lodged on application, except on Section 1, Block 10, Hawksbury, on which a deposit of £4 10s. has been lodged by Mr. John Douglas, of Hawksbury.

I have, &c.,

J. T. THOMSON, Chief Commissioner.

P.S.—Burden Sections 24 and 25, Block 5, and 25, 26 and 27, Block 6, Maerewhenua, with survey expenses as per list, and hand them over to Mr. Robert Campbell, junr., at whose expense the survey was incurred.

Samuel Shrimski, Esq., Oamaru.

(B.) *Extract from Otago Provincial Government Gazette, No. 855, June 18, 1873.*

Monday, 30th June, at noon.

Notice is hereby given that Sections 5, 6, and 10, Block 13, containing 193a. Or. 12p., 236a. Or. 39p. and 205a. 2r. 15p. respectively; Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 18B, Block 14, Moeraki District, containing respectively 173a. 3r. 5p., 88a. Or. 13p., 313a. 2r. 36p., 281a. 2r. 20p., 284a. 1r. 12p., 232r. 1r. 25p., 237a. Or. 25p., 316a. Or. 10p., 316a., 175a. Or. 19p., 184a. 2r. 15p., will be offered for sale by Public Auction, at M'Mahon and Welsh's Hotel, Palmerston, on Wednesday, 16th July next, at 11 a.m., at the upset price of 10s. per acre, and subject to repayment of survey expenses.

(C.) *List of Sections in Moeraki District, sold by Auction on 16th July, 1873.*

Lat.	Sectn.	Block	Acreage.	Price per acre.	Amount.	Deposit paid.	Signature and designation (Trade or Profession) of purchaser.
	5	13	193 0 12				
	6		236 0 39				
	10		205 2 15				
	9	14	173 3 5				
	10		88 0 13				
	11		313 2 36				
	12		281 2 20				
	13		284 1 12				
	14		232 1 25				
	15		237 0 25				
	16		316 0 10				
	17		316 0 0				
	18		175 0 19				
	18B		184 2 15				
			3237 3 6				

Moeraki District, at 10s. per acre.

D.—*Copy of Telegrams.*

To Shrimski, Oamaru.

Dunedin, July 14, 1873.

Sale of Blocks 13 and 14, Moeraki District, postponed.

A. BARRON (for Chief Commissioner).

E.

Dunedin, July 15, 1873.

To S. Shrimski, Hampden.

Withdrawn by Council, on petition Shag Valley settlers, to indefinite time.

(Signed D. M'GOUN.

F.—Extract from Otago Daily Times of August 1st 1873.

“Waste Land Board.

“Sale of part of Blocks 13 and 14, Moeraki District.

“Colonel Kitchener and Mr. F. D. Rich applied to purchase part of Blocks 13 and 14, Moeraki District, recently withdrawn from sale by auction. It was resolved that the matter should be referred to the Superintendent, in order to ascertain whether he agreed to reserve the land; if not, the application to be approved of. A memorandum was afterwards received from the Superintendent, stating that he did not object to the sale, provided the land was not sold for less than £1 per acre.”

G

Provincial Secretary for Lands Office,

Dunedin, 15th October, 1873.

SIR,—Referring to your interview with Dr. Webster, on the subject of commission on the sale of land to Colonel Kitchener by the Waste Land Board, I have been directed to acquaint you that the Government has agreed to allow you the actual expenses which you may have incurred in connection with the sale.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. WILLIS, Under Secretary.

S. Shrimski, Esq., Shamrock Hotel.

Map of Moeraki District, Block 14—(HENRY CONNELL, District Surveyor)—Exhibited to Committee.

Evidence taken on 29th May, 1874.

Mr. J. T. Thomson, Chief Commissioner of Waste Land Board, attended, and stated as follows:—I recollect Blocks 13 and 14 being advertised for sale by public auction. The extract from the *Daily Times* of August 1st (of the Waste Land Board proceedings of 31st July, 1874), read to me, is correct. I produce memo. from the Superintendent as follows:—“I do not desire that this land should be withdrawn from sale, provided it is not sold for less than twenty shillings per acre. J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.”—J. T. THOMSON.

Mr. W. S. Trotter, of Southland, Bunholder, attended, and stated as follows:—I remember seeing Blocks 13 and 14, Moeraki District, advertised for sale by public auction. I came to Dunedin, on my way to Palmerston, with a view to compete for the land advertised, but found, on my arrival, that the sale had been postponed for a month, I think, as near as I can recollect. When I found that the land had been withdrawn from sale, I went to the Land Office to enquire the reason of the postponement, I could get no satisfactory reason for postponement. I then went (to satisfy myself) to look at the land; and, on seeing it, was quite prepared to give more than the upset price. I would have been prepared to have given £1 per acre for it, for the lot. In conversation I had with Mr. John Douglas, on my return from visiting the land, Mr. Douglas informed me that unless I was prepared to bid up to £3 or £4 per acre, I need not attend the sale, as money was no object to those whom he knew wanted to purchase the land. I understood Mr. Douglas knew parties who were prepared to go to that price. I think there was better land in the blocks that I did not see.—W. S. TROTTER.

(Chairman of the Committee to His Honor the Superintendent.)

Provincial Council Chambers,

Dunedin, 29th May, 1874.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

SIR,—I have the honour, by instruction of the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee, to lay before your Honor the following evidence taken by said Committee, in reference to the sale of land to Mr. Rich and Colonel Kitchener, in Moeraki District, in July, 1873;—

Extract from *Otago Daily Times* of August 1st, 1873.

“Waste Land Board.—Sale of part of Blocks XIII. and XIV. Moeraki District.—Colonel Kitchener and Mr. F. D. Rich applied to purchase part of Blocks XIII. and XIV. Moeraki District, recently withdrawn from sale by auction. It was resolved that the matter should be referred to the Superintendent, in order to ascertain whether he agreed to reserve the land; if not, the application to be approved of. A memorandum was afterwards received from the Superintendent, stating that he did not object to the sale, provided the land was not sold for less than £1 per acre.”

The Committee observe that the land was withdrawn from sale on a resolution of the Council being passed on the 14th of July, 1873, determining to grant the prayer of the Petitioners in the Shag Valley District; the prayer being (see Votes and Proceedings, Session XXXII., page 15) “that the remaining portion of unsold lands in the Moeraki Hundreds be withdrawn from sale, and set aside as Commonage.” (By Mr. M’Kenzie.)

The Committee would be glad, before reporting, to have a memorandum from your Honor as to the correctness or otherwise of the above statement, and whether your Honor’s memorandum to the Waste Land Board was written with the concurrence of your Honor’s Executive Council.

I have, &c.,

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

Memo. for Waste Lands and Immigration Committee.

It is perfectly correct that the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of his Executive Council intimated to the Waste Lands Board that he had no objection to the sale of part of Blocks XIII. and XIV. Moeraki District, provided the same was not sold at less than 20s. an acre; this stipulation having been made in compliance with the prayer of a petition from residents in the district, to the effect that the land in question should not be sold at 10s. an acre.

June 1, 1874.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

Memo. for the Chief Commissioner of the Waste Lands Board.

The Committee of the Select Committee on Waste Lands and Immigration will feel obliged by the Chief Commissioner of the Waste Land Board answering the under-noted questions.

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

May 5th, 1874.

- 1st. What actuated the Waste Land Board in ordering the withdrawal from sale of Sections 13 and 14, Moeraki District, on July 14th, 1874, as per telegrams to auctioneer, Mr. Shrimski?
- 2nd. What caused the Board subsequently to agree to sell to Colonel Kitchener and Mr. F. D. Rich, without competition, on July 31st, 1873?

- 3rd. Why the Board, before consenting to sell, asked the Superintendent whether he agreed to reserve the land in question for sale ?
- 4th. What was the date of the Superintendent's memorandum in reply, on the Board's application to him as above ?
- 5th. If a doubt existed as to the power of the Waste Land Board to refuse the application, why was not legal advice taken ?

Kindly please furnish any correspondence on the subject which would be evidence on the sale.

Department of Lands and Survey, Otago,

Dunedin, 30th May, 1874.

Memo for J. C. Brown, Esq., Chairman of Waste Lands and Immigration Committee.

ANSWERS.

- 1st. The terms of a letter from the Secretary for Lands, dated 14th July, 1873, which was got back by Mr. Lakeman on 30th of same month, and is now a-missing in his office.
- 2nd. Clause 35 Waste Land Act, 1872. There was no alternative, application having been made on 29th July, and deposit paid.
- 3rd. The Board preferred the land going to auction (as far as I can recall their sentiments) and they supposed they had the power (which is doubtful) of reserving, with the consent of the Superintendent, under terms of clause 35, so that the land might go to auction.
- 4th. No date attached ; but it was on the 31st July, 1873, being date of minute referred to him.
- 5th. There was no doubt in the mind of the Board after the Superintendent refused to reserve; the application of 29th July, and deposit, amounting to a binding contract between the Crown and Subject.

The only correspondence that could be useful in the case is not obtainable from Mr. Lakeman—viz., the letter of the Secretary for Lands.

J. T. THOMSON, Chief Commissioner Waste Lands Board.

INTERIM REPORT No. 6.—*In re* PETITION OF ROBERT SINCLAIR ALLAN.

(*Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown, June 2.*)

The Petitioner prays that steps may be taken to procure to him a Crown Grant for the fifty-acre section taken up by him at Martin's Bay.

Your Committee have considered this Petition, and are of opinion that, seeing strong inducements were held out to parties to proceed to Martin's Bay Settlement, and that the Petitioner proceeded there, at considerable expense, with the full intention of settling, evidenced by his making a considerable outlay, and that, owing to that encouragement that was expected to be given by the Government not being fulfilled, he was compelled to abandon his enterprise : In the opinion of your Committee, the Government ought to take whatever steps may be found necessary to secure the Petitioner a Crown Grant for his fifty-acre section.

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

Dunedin, 2nd June, 1874

REPORTS FROM THE GOLD FIELDS COMMITTEE.

[ORDER OF REFERENCE, No. 1.—*Ordered*—“That a Gold Fields Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. G. F. C. Browne, Mr. R. Clarke, Mr. McKellar, Mr. Hazlett, Mr. Sumpter, Mr. Oliver, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report from time to time, and that all matters appertaining to Gold Fields be referred to said Committee. *Secretary for Gold Fields, (Mr. Bastings),* April 30.]

INTERIM REPORT, No. 1.—*In re* PETITION OF 29 RESIDENTS OF BLACKS, TINKERS, AND DRYBREAD.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, May 11, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray that 5000 acres of land on Mr. Glassford's Run be thrown open under the deferred payment system.

Your Committee having carefully considered this Petition, are of opinion that the prayer thereof to the extent of 2500 acres should be granted.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, 11th May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 2.—*In re* PETITION OF 33 HOUSEHOLDERS AND OTHERS OF NASEBY.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, May 11, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray that the Public Recreation Reserve in the town of Naseby may not be destroyed by the cutting of an open tail-race through the centre of the same.

Your Committee having had the above Petition under consideration, and taken evidence thereon, recommend that the Government be requested to vest the Recreation Reserve referred to in the Petition for recreation purposes in the Corporation of Naseby, less the two chains required for mining purposes.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, 11th May, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 3.—*In re* PETITION OF 131 RESIDENTS OF MOUNT IDA DISTRICT.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, May 15, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray that sufficient blocks of land be opened upon deferred payments, and that a Hundred be proclaimed on the Maniototo Plains.

Your Committee having carefully considered this Petition, and taken evidence thereon, recommend that the Government be requested to open a block of suitable land near the line of traffic, and that the Government should leave the selection of blocks of land to the Warden or District Land Officer and at least two other persons, to be elected in the district, one of whom shall be the member for the district.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, 15th May, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT, No. 4.—*In re* PETITION OF WILLIAM WILLIAMSON.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, May 21, 1874.*)

The Petitioner, as manager of the Kakanui Water Race Company, prays that the water rights of the Kakanui Water Race Company be taken into favourable consideration.

Your Committee having carefully considered this Petition, and taken evidence thereon, recommend that the Government should give it favourable consideration, the Committee being of opinion that the Petitioner is fairly entitled to some compensation.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, 20th May, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT, No. 5.—*In re* PETITION OF 11 MINERS AT CLARK'S DIGGINGS.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, May 21, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray that a public channel be opened at Clark's Diggings.

Your Committee have carefully considered this Petition, and obtained the opinion of the Provincial Solicitor thereon, which is to the effect that the Government has not the power to do as the Petitioners desire, in regard to resuming the water right.

Your Committee, however, would recommend that the Government should use every effort to bring the parties in this matter to submit their differences to arbitration, or to settle them in some other way.

Your Committee would also recommend that a memorandum be sent to the Warden of the district requesting that any new rights granted from the Creek should be subject to the workings as at present carried on, and also to the workings of any claims which may be taken up or granted hereafter at Clark's Diggings.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, 21st May, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT, No. 6.—*In re* PETITION OF J. KIRKTON AND PARTY.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, May 29, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray for a reward for the discovery of the Orepuki Gold Field.

Your Committee having considered this Petition, and taken evidence thereon, are of opinion that the Petitioners have no claim upon the Government.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, 29th May, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT, No. 7.—*In re* CLAIM OF JOHN ALDRED FOR REWARD FOR DISCOVERY OF LONGWOOD GOLD FIELD.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, May 29, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays for a reward as the prospector of the Longwood Gold Field.

Your Committee having had under their consideration the papers and Petition of Mr. John Aldred, are of opinion that the said John Aldred has no claim upon the Government.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, 29th May, 1874.

Report of Select Committee on Cattle Ordinances.

(Brought up by Mr. Green, May 26, 1874.)

[ORDER OF REFERENCE.—*Ordered*—“That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into all matters connected with the administration of the Cattle Ordinance, 1864, and the Cattle Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1869, and other Ordinances bearing on the subject, with power to call for persons and papers and report; such Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Hon. Dr Menzies, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Stout, Mr. Sumpter, and the mover.” *Mr. Green, May 8.*]

Your Committee, having taken into their consideration the subject matter referred to them, have the honor to report as follows:—

Your Committsee have found, during their investigations of the subject, that there are very complicated laws in existence regarding the branding regulations. They would therefore recommend that the laws on the subject be codified; that the registration of brands should be controlled by one head department, where the general registry should be alone kept; but that district officers should be appointed, to whom applications to register brands could be made, for the purpose of being transmitted to the head officer for approval and final registry; that parties having already registered brands, should be entitled to a priority of new registry according to date of original registry; that greater powers should be provided, to insist on the registering of all brands used for cattle and horses; that a heavy penalty should be enforced against any person using an unregistered brand; that power should be given to the Chief Registrar, or any person employed by him, to impound unbranded cattle or horses at large on unenclosed lands or roads, and that all cattle or horses so seised should, if sold, be branded with a registered pound brand, as also the registered brand of the purchaser, before leaving the custody of the Poundkeeper; that drovers and others travelling with cattle or horses should furnish a Justice of the Peace, or some other authorised person, with a list of the number and description of the cattle or horses intended to be driven, whereupon the Justice of the Peace, or other authorised person, shall give a certificate, to be carried by the person in charge of such cattle or horses, and produced for inspection at the request of any authorised person.

In conclusion, your Committee would strongly urge the necessity of the Government giving the subject, during the recess, their serious consideration, and that the Ordinance embodying the above suggestions for the better regulation of branding be submitted to the Council next Session.

J. GREEN, Chairman.

Dunedin, 26th May, 1874.

Tenders for Construction of Light Railways, and Expenditure on Road—Tokomairiro to Tuapeka.

(REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON,)

(Brought up by Mr. Fish, June 8, 1874.)

[ORDER OF REFERENCE.—*Ordered*—“That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the acceptance—by the late Executive—of tenders for the construction of the light Railways, and also all circumstances in connection with the expenditure of money on road Tokomairiro to Lawrence: Such Committee to consist of the Speaker (with his consent), the Hon. Dr. Menzies, Messrs. Davie, Green, Oliver, Roberts, and the Mover, and to have power to call for persons and papers, and report.”—*Mr. Fish*, May 19.]

R E P O R T.

Your Committee find that, before calling for Tenders, the terms and conditions were discussed by the Executive, and it was agreed that contracts should be tendered for on cash payments. Tenders were advertised to be received on the 27th March, 1874, which time was afterwards postponed till 3rd April. The usual course of procedure was pursued in regard to the reception and custody of the Tenders until opened. That when the Tenders were opened, there were present, His Honor the Superintendent, Mr. Turnbull, and Mr. Bastings.

The Tenders were then forwarded by the Clerk of Executive to the Provincial Engineer, who returned them to the Secretary of Works, in presence of Dr. Webster, shortly before the meeting of Executive, at which they were accepted. It appears that Mr. Bastings and the Provincial Engineer did not consult together in regard to these Tenders, and the evidence on that point was not attempted to be contradicted.

Your Committee are of opinion that no blame or imputation of irregularity can be attached to any member of the Executive in regard to the dealing with the Tenders; the usual course appears to have been pursued. The evidence further goes to show that a special meeting of Executive was hurriedly called, and the Tenders accepted; that the Tenders were accepted by the Executive without any question as to the amount, although that amount was far in excess of the amount appropriated.

Railways authorised—

Waiareka Railway, 15 miles, at a cost not exceeding	...	...	£31,000
Riverton and Orepuke Railway, 16 miles do do	...	...	40,000
Riverton and Otautau Railway, 16½ miles do do	...	...	40,000
Otautau to Wallacetown Railway, 14 miles do do	...	...	20,000

Contracts accepted—

Waiareka Railway, 14¾ miles	...	...	£45,000 19 0
Riverton and Orepuke Railway, 7½ miles	...	...	28,397 9 0
Riverton and Otautau Railway, 17¼ miles	...	...	37,104 2 0
Otautau to Wallacetown Railway, 12¾ miles	...	...	32,080 0 8

The contracts provide for construction, permanent-way, ballasting, and fencing, but exclude cost of engineering, stations, sheds, and rolling stock. With reference to the contracts for fencing, the Government have reserved power to withdraw the fencing from all the lines but the Waiareka Valley line.

Your Committee consider that, under the circumstances, the accepting of the tenders should not have been proceeded with, especially as the financial year had closed, and the Council was to meet shortly after the date of acceptance.

Your Committee having investigated into the circumstances connected with the expenditure on the Tokomairiro to Tuapeka road during the last financial year, find that, at the end of the financial year (31st March, 1873), and prior to the meeting of Council on 6th May, there existed liabilities on the road referred to—

On 1st April, 1873, as shown by Estimates	...	...	£2100 0 0
And that on 2nd May, 1873, a contract was accepted by the Government	...	...	2794 12 8
Another contract was accepted same date by the Government, amounting to	...	...	1413 5 0
On 14th March, 1873, authority was given to the Engineer, by the Government, to carry on certain works by day labor, for which tenders had been received far in excess of the Engineer's estimates, and under which an expenditure took place of	...	...	760 0 0
Making a total of known authorised liabilities of	...	...	£7067 17 8

To meet these engagements for new works and maintenance, the Provincial Engineer placed upon his Estimates the sum of £7,800. It would appear from the evidence of the printed Estimates produced by Mr. Bastings, the then Secretary of Works, that the Estimates framed under the Tolmie Government proposed a sum of £8,800 for this particular road. The Provincial Council met on 6th May, 1873, and resulted in a dissolution before any Estimates were submitted. On the meeting of a new Council, and before a new Executive was formed, conditions were stipulated for as to a remodelling of the Estimates in regard to roads and works, Dr. Webster and Mr. Shand making that a condition of their taking office. On the formation of the Turnbull Government, the Estimates were reconstructed, brought down, and passed the Council in July, 1873, the vote taken for the road Tokomairiro to Tuapeka being £5,000. Dr. Webster and Mr. Shand have stated that they were not made aware of the liabilities then existing. On 30th October, 1873, a further liability was contracted of £879 15s, and during the year there was an additional sum expended, according to the Engineer's evidence, of about £595. In the beginning of November, it would appear that the auditor drew the attention of the District Engineer to the fact that the vote, Tokomairiro to Tuapeka was exceeded by vouchers presented for payment. This resulted in a comparison of books, when it was found that a sum of £1,137 (the vouchers for which had been passed by the Engineer, and charged in his books against the vote 1872-3) had not passed the Treasury prior to 31st March, 1873, and this sum therefore was actually paid out of, and charged against, the vote of 1873-74. The liabilities authorised by the Executive therefore stood thus, in reality, when the Estimates were submitted to the Provincial Council at its sitting in July, 1873—

Liability chargeable against vote 1872-73	...	...	...	£1137	0	0
Do. as shown by Estimates	...	...	...	2100	0	0
Do. day labor, authorised 14th March	...	...	...	760	0	0
Do. on contracts let on 2nd May	..	...	...	4207	17	8
Total	...	...	...	£8204	17	8
During the currency of the year, further liabilities, contract, 30th October	...	...	...	879	15	0
Expended on maintenance (about)	...	...	...	595	0	0
Total expenditure and liabilities on 31st March, 1874	...	...	...	£9679	12	8
Your Committee find that the Balance Sheet shows the amount paid during 1873-74 to have been	...	...	...	£6,430	13	4
And the Estimates for 1874-75 show liabilities	...	...	...	3,500	0	0
Mr. Turnbull states that further liabilities, in the shape of vouchers for day labour, have been presented at the Treasury for payment, for day labour prior to the close of the financial year of	...	...	...	281	0	0
Making a total of	...	...	...	£10,211	13	4

The Provincial Engineer, however, gives evidence that in the item £3,500 he made an allowance of £600 for such contingencies.

In the month of November, the Auditor drew the attention of the District Engineer to the state of the vote. The District Engineer, it appears, then recommended the Government that the sum of £1,200 which had been voted under the same sub-division to road, Tuapeka to Teviot, should be transferred to vote, road Tokomairiro to Tuapeka; and the reasons assigned were because the money was not sufficient for the work for which it was asked, and also because he did not think it could be judiciously expended during that financial year. The recommendation appears to have been brought before His Honor, who, on being satisfied that the money had been already spent, supported the transfer at a meeting of Executive on 6th January. Present: His Honor, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Bastings, and Mr. Turton—Mr. Turnbull dissenting from the decision. What afterwards transpired does not fairly come within the scope of the Order of Reference, and the foregoing appears to your Committee to be a plain statement of facts fully proved.

Your Committee are of opinion that sufficient care was not shown in re-constructing the Estimates of the Government formed last Session, more consideration apparently having been given to the forming of a Government than to providing for the contracts at that time authorised and in progress of being carried out.

In regard to the discrepancy of £1137 between the auditor's books and the engineer's books, that is accounted for by the fact that vouchers that had passed out of the engineer's hands prior to the close of the financial year had not reached the auditor's hands till after the close of that year, and consequently became a charge against the year 1873-74. It appears to your Committee that this discrepancy therefore arose from a faulty system, and is not chargeable against any individual. The evidence submitted to your Committee proves conclusively that the necessity for the transfer of £1200 from vote, road Tuapeka to Teviot, to vote, road Tokomairiro to Tuapeka, arose from no provision having been made to meet the vouchers which had been passed from the engineer's department chargeable against the vote of a previous year, and that the transfer was recommended by the district engineer to meet that sum. In regard to the road Tuapeka to Teviot the district engineer appears to have reported that the work intended to be carried out by the vote of £1200 could not be carried out judiciously, or at what he considered a reason-

able amount. The practice of transferring sums from one vote to another appears to have been a usual practice, but it is one that your Committee are of opinion should only be exercised in very urgent cases.

Your Committee feel deeply impressed with the conviction that a system providing a better check than that now in operation should be instituted, whereby a monthly return of the state of the votes, in regard to actual payments and liabilities on roads and works, should be laid before the Executive.

Your Committee fully approve of the proposal of the Government to provide the Provincial Engineer with more office assistance, and it is due to that officer to record the testimony of all the witnesses examined, that during the past year he has been very short-handed for the work that he had to overtake.

Your Committee regret that matters of a purely personal character, which transpired in Executive meetings, should have been made the subject-matter of discussion in the Provincial Council.

Your Committee are of opinion that there is nothing in the evidence to show that any individual member of the Executive had in any improper way permitted any unauthorised expenditure on the road Tokomairiro to Tuapeka.

SUMMARY.

Authorised expenditure by Executive—

Vouchers passed from Road Engineer's Department, but not passed through Treasury prior to 31st March, 1873	...	...	£1137	0	0
Liabilities shown on Estimates	...	...	2100	0	0
Contracts authorised on 2nd May, 1873	...	...	4207	17	8
Contract authorised on 30th October, 1873	...	...	879	15	0
Expended on day labor, authorised 14th March, 1873	...	...	1355	0	0
			<u>£9679</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

Expenditure—

Amount actually paid during currency of year 1873-74	6430	13	4
Liabilities shown on Estimates	3500	0	0
		<u>9930</u>	<u>13 4</u>

Showing an apparent excess of expenditure of £251 0 8

This is explained by the Provincial Engineer thus—that he included, in the sum of £3500, the sum of £600, to meet possible unpaid vouchers. By Mr. Turnbull's evidence, it would appear only £281 of these have come to hand. The account therefore stood thus—

Actual payments	£6430	13	4	Actual authorised by Executive	£9679	12	8
£3500, less £600, known actual liabilities	2900	0	0				
Liabilities come into Treasury since 31st March, for expenditure prior to that date	281	0	0				
	<u>£9611</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£9672</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

J. L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, 8th June, 1874.

EVIDENCE.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON THE 27TH AND 28TH MAY, 1874.

Mr. D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer, attended and stated as follows:—

The liabilities in the Tokomairiro-Lawrence road on the 1st April, 1873, were £2100 for contracts entered into and then unexecuted. To meet those liabilities and for new works £5000 was voted. On the 26th April a tender was accepted by the Government of £2794 12s. 8d. for further works upon that road. On the same date a tender was accepted of £1413 5s. for further works. On the 30th October a tender was accepted for £879 15s. These were all the contracts entered into during the currency of the financial year 1873-74. There was further expended during the year on day labour about £1355, making a total of £8542 12s. 8d. For some of that work tenders were called by the Government; but the tenders being considered too-high, the Government, on my recommendation, instructed that the work

should be carried out by day labour. No further liabilities, with the exception of a small amount for maintenance, have been contracted since 30th October, excepting the day labour previously mentioned. In the beginning of November the District Engineer, from some communication with the Auditor, discovered that there was a discrepancy between his books and those of the Auditor, amounting to £1137. The Auditor had that amount charged against the vote of 1873-74, while the Engineer was under the impression that that amount had been paid out of the 1872-73 vote; thus the liability on 1st April, 1873, ought to have been stated as £3237 instead of £2100, as stated. The District Engineer's books and the Auditor's books scarcely ever agree—for this reason: that there may be vouchers issued by the Engineer that have not come to account through the Treasury, especially about the end of the year. District Engineers issue vouchers for payment of day labour always on their own signatures, and sometimes progress payments. The District Engineer does not know how many of these vouchers may be floating about unpaid at any given time, nor is there any check upon the number of vouchers issued excepting that of the pay-sheet.

I have no clerk in my department to keep a set of books, so as to enable me to ascertain with certainty and expeditiously at any time the state of the expenditure of the votes in my department. Had I such a clerk, a complete and reliable statement of liabilities could be made up at the end of the financial year, and, at any time before the accepting of a tender, the exact balance of appropriation ascertained. I furnished my estimates to the Secretary of Works about the beginning of April, before the acceptance of the two contracts on the 26th April. The sum I recommended was about £7800. I was not consulted as to the cutting down of the vote to £5000. The amount I recommended on the Estimates, £7800, included the £2100 of liabilities which were known, but not the £1137 which my department had reason to suppose had been charged to the former year's account. I cannot say from memory when the Estimates were laid upon the table of the Council, but it was after the date of the acceptance of the tenders on 26th April. I got authority to proceed with works by day labour included in the sum of £1355 on 14th March, 1873. From the Votes and Proceedings I see that the Estimates were not laid on the table of the Council until 15th July, 1873. The first session in 1873, Session 31, resulting in a dissolution, met on 6th May, 1873. On the first meeting of the Council, in May, liabilities actually then existed of £7,444 17s. 8d., besides a portion of the amount, about say £760, that had been expended on day labor, making a total of £8,204 17s. 8d., to meet which only £5000 was placed on the Estimates and appropriated, the sum I asked for being £7,800. I explain the fact of having asked for less than the amount of liabilities then existing by repeating that I was not aware that the £1,137 formerly referred to had not been charged to the previous year's account. There was a transfer of a sum of £1,200 from the vote "Tuapeka to Teviot" to vote "Tokomairiro to Tuapeka." In the first place, it is a usual practice to transfer sums from one vote in the same subdivision to that of another, under certain circumstances. When a vote is not sufficient to carry out an urgent work on any portion of the same line of road, and that for any reason a vote in the same subdivision cannot be judiciously expended, the practice has been to make the necessary transfer. In this case of the transfer of the Teviot Road vote, the District Engineer, on discovering from the Auditor that the vote for the Lawrence Road had been exceeded, recommended the transfer from the vote to that portion of the same road extending to Teviot, on the ground that the vote could not be judiciously expended during the year for the purpose that it was originally intended for—namely, the reduction of the gradient on the saddle between Lawrence and Beaumont. I repeat the recommendation came in the usual course from the District Engineer. I will furnish a copy of the memorandum. The transfer was made to cover the £1,137 that had not been provided for. I will furnish a copy of the District Engineer's memorandum. I endorsed the recommendation and forwarded it through my official head, after which I knew nothing of it until ascertaining from the Treasury the transfer had been agreed to by the Government. I will also furnish a few instances of transfers of a similar character on other roads. The evidence I gave before the Private Petitions Committee on Messrs. J. and N. Campbell's petition, I repeat as evidence now. When I received the tenders through the Executive Clerk, I examined them personally. I state most distinctly, and would do so (if required) upon oath, that neither did I consult Mr. Bastings, nor did Mr. Bastings speak to me on the subject of these tenders in the interval from my receiving the tenders through the Executive Clerk until my returning them, with my recommendation, through the usual channel. Being a holiday, and no Clerk or Messenger convenient, I handed the tenders in myself to the Secretary of Works' room, on Monday, the 6th, shortly before the Executive meeting. Both Mr. Bastings and Dr. Webster were then in the room. When I did so, there was no conversation on the subject. I distinctly deny that Mr. Bastings and myself consulted privately in regard to the acceptance of these tenders.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON 29TH MAY, 1874.

Mr. WILLIAM SMAILL, District Road Engineer, attended, and stated as follows:—

I have charge of the line of road from Dunedin through Taieri, Tokomairiro, Tuapeka, and Teviot Districts as far as Roxburgh. I have been in charge of that line for 15 years. My duties are to make surveys and estimates of all works required, and forward them to the Chief Engineer, with my recommendations in regard thereto. I also act as Inspector and Paymaster. I am annually furnished with the amounts voted for the various roads under my charge, and unless otherwise instructed, am guided, as a rule, in my expenditure by the votes of the Council. I am aware that the accounts of the Province will show apparently an expenditure largely in excess of the amount voted last Session of the Provincial Council, as follows:—

"Expenditure on road, Tokomairiro to Tuapeka, for the year ending March 31, 1874:

Liabilities on 1st April, 1873	...	...	£2,100	0	0
Heffernan's Contract Accepted, 26th April, 1873	...	...	2,794	12	8
Mattheson Bros. do. do.	...	...	1,413	5	0
J. and D. McRae do. 30th October	...	...	879	15	0
Expended on Day Labour during the year	...	...	1,855	0	0

The Auditor communicated with me relative to vote, and it was then discovered, at the beginning of November, that the Auditor's book shewed £1,137 more than mine. I attribute it to the Treasury having charged payments to 1873-4, instead of 1872-3. £760 of the £1,355 (day labor) was authorised by the Government on 14th March, 1873, and the balance expended on maintenance and surfacing.

The Estimates furnished by the Department was £7,800, which included the £2,100 liability, but not the £1,137. On my recommendation, £1,200 was transferred from the Teviot road to the Tokomairi road to Tuapeka road, as I found that the vote for that road could not be expended during the year on account of the scarcity of labor. The reduction of the hill between Tuapeka and Beaumont was provided for in the Estimates, the cost of which was estimated at about £1,200. It was found that the work could be cheaper done by sluicing, and it was determined to postpone it until the Beaumont water race was cut. Labor within four miles of Lawrence can be had very much cheaper, being a thickly-settled district, than in the Teviot district, and contracts are taken for works in that neighborhood much cheaper than what they would be for works to be done on the Teviot road.

Mr. D. M'FARLANE, Government Messenger, attended, and stated as follows:—

My evidence given to the Private Petitions Committee, *in re* Petition of J. and N. Campbell, being read to me, I adhere to the statements therein as correct. I know the Government Tender boxes. The arrangement is as follows:—There is one large fixed stationary box; in it there is a shelf, on which is placed a moveable box, with an aperture corresponding to that in the fixed box, so that tenders dropped into the fixed box, pass at once into the moveable one. I keep regular possession of the key of the fixed box. I also keep the key of a slide whereby the aperture in the moveable box is closed immediately on my taking out the box containing the tenders, so that no tenders can be passed into the box by the aperture thereafter until I unlock it. The other key, that for opening the moveable box, is kept by Mr. Willis. I remember taking out the moveable box on the 3rd April (Good Friday) immediately after the clock struck twelve. I then closed the slide and locked it. I took the box then to the Superintendent's room; that being my usual practice. I do not think it would be possible for the box to be removed out of the room without my knowledge, the doors being locked, and I having possession of the keys, and I keep them locked up. This is my regular practice.

The box was not removed or interfered with to my knowledge or with my consent. To the best of my recollection, the Superintendent was in his room when I took in the tender box. I do not recollect seeing Mr. Bastings in the Superintendent's room on the Friday nor on the Saturday till the meeting of the Executive took place. On the Friday His Honor, I think, left his room between two and half-past two o'clock, and arrived at the office on Saturday about twenty minutes to ten o'clock. While His Honor was absent his room was kept locked. Being a holiday, I left the office about three o'clock myself.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON 30TH MAY AND 1ST JUNE, 1874.

Mr. HORACE BASTINGS, M.P.C., attended and stated as follows:—

I have heard read the evidence given by the Provincial Engineer and District Engineer, and, as far as I can remember, the statements made by them are correct.

I have only to add that I always had a difficulty in obtaining correct information from the Treasury as to the state of the votes. When the Estimates were prepared and printed for the meeting of Council, which met on 6th May, 1873, the amount placed on them was £7800 or £8000, which was ample to cover the then known liabilities, the £1137 of further liability, and for which vouchers had passed out of the Engineer's department as against vote 1872-3, not being known to me at the time as outstanding. When the new Executive was formed, a reconstruction of the Estimates took place, and, although evidence was before the Executive from the Provincial Engineer of liabilities having been incurred equal to the amount on the previous Estimates a majority of the Executive insisted on the vote for this road being reduced. The reason assigned for so doing, as far as I can remember, was, that it was possible some of the contracts might not be finished before the end of the year, and that it would improve the financial statement. I am thoroughly of opinion that the Public Works Department requires a clerk to check vouchers, and keep Government posted up in the position of expenditure votes. The present system is false economy, and under it, it is almost impossible for an official head to keep the run of the expenditure of votes.

I produce to the Committee for inspection a printed copy of the Estimates first printed for the May Session, and find that the sum there stated is £8800. The date of authorising day labour to be expended was 14th March, for work for which tenders had been lodged amounting to £2292 15s. Present at meeting of Executive—His Honor the Superintendent, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Tolmie, Mr. M'Dermid, and Mr. Bastings. Next two contracts, £4207 17s. 8d., approved on 2nd May by Executive; same members as in previous meeting. On the 31st October: contract, £879 18s., authorised. Present—His Honor, Mr. Turnbull, and Mr. Bastings. I have not got the date of authority to transfer the £1200, but I recollect the recommendation of the Engineer was brought before the Executive. Present—His Honor, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Turton, and myself, when it was agreed to, Mr. Turnbull objecting.

The vote brought down on the Estimates is represented to cover intended expenditure, and ought to do so, excepting under very special circumstances. I recollect receiving memo. marked A; it was sent

down to my office, and I looked over the cheques in Mr. Willis' possession, and wrote the memo. in reply. I had no personal communication with the Provincial Engineer from Thursday, the 2nd April, till he brought in the tenders to my room on Monday, the 6th, when Dr. Webster was present. There was nothing done in connection with these tenders otherwise than in the usual course, excepting that as these were large tenders, I went for Mr. Turnbull, and asked him to be present at their being opened on the 4th. Usually the Superintendent and myself open tenders for works. The reason why the tenders were accepted on Monday, although a holiday, was because Dr. Webster had come to town, and Mr. Turnbull and he came to my office in the forenoon, as I was about leaving for the day, and said that they wanted to settle these tenders, as Dr. Webster had come for that purpose, and must leave that afternoon by steamer. I remarked that the Superintendent had gone home, and that I was going out with my family myself. They advised sending for the Superintendent, and I agreed to return at two o'clock. I did so, and found the Superintendent there. Mr. Turnbull sent a special carriage for him. After the tenders came in from the Provincial Engineer, I had no opportunity of examining the tenders, I having gone out, and when I returned found Dr. Webster examining them. Up to the time of the meeting of the Executive, I could not have told from memory which was the lowest tender for any one work, but my impression was that Proudfoot's tenders were the lowest for the lot. Had Dr. Webster and Mr. Turnbull not come to my office pressing for Executive meeting on the Monday, the tenders would not have been dealt with till the Tuesday—in fact, could not have been. Had the tenders not been dealt with on the Monday, Campbell's tender would have been considered on the Tuesday, the same as Calder's tender was considered on the Monday, which only arrived that morning; and no doubt Campbell's tender must have been accepted, or new tenders called for. When the Executive met, a discussion took place, and I was of opinion that the tenders were too high, and recommended that fresh tenders be called for. The ultimate decision of the Executive was to accept. At the meeting, it was resolved that all tenders that were informal should be rejected. I myself argued strongly that cheques not marked were informal. As a rule, non-marked cheques are considered informal, except in small contracts, where the Government have money in hand belonging to contractors. This was not the only case where, through hurry, blunders have been committed.

I do not consider Government business has been properly conducted during the last twelve months. There were no regular meetings of Executive; and I do not think Government business can be properly conducted unless there are regular meetings of the Executive twice a week, of at least three members, besides the Superintendent. The question of impropriety of accepting tenders far exceeding the amount appropriated by the Council, and on terms different from what was agreed to by the Council, was never discussed by the Executive.

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Provincial Engineer's Department, Otago,

Dunedin, 29th May, 1874.

Contracts for Light Railways.

Statement shewing Tender Amounts and Estimates—

Railway.	Contractor.	Tender Amount.	Estimate.
Waiareka, 14 $\frac{2}{5}$ miles	Morrison and Co.	£45,000 0 0	£41,470 0 0
Orepuki, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ „	David Proudfoot	28,327 0 0	29,290 0 0
Otautau, 17 „	Do.	37,104 0 0	38,198 0 0
Wallacetown, 12 $\frac{2}{5}$ miles	Do.	32,080 0 0	32,268 0 0

The above contracts include formation, bridges, culverts, fencing, sleepers, rails and fixings, and all works and materials required for the complete equipment of the permanent way, ready for the rolling stock.

D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer.

Payments for all Light Lines to be in cash.

Time fixed for completion in each case, 7th October, 1875.

No penalty attached, but by clause 10 of General Conditions the Government have power to take work out of the contractor's hands, in the event of non-completion at the expiry of the above date.

General conditions are hereto attached.

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(Memo. for the Secretary for Works.)

Are all the tenders for Light Railways accompanied by marked cheques, in accordance with the contract condition?

April 6, 1874.

D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer.

Memo.—The cheques of Messrs. Calder, Sinclair, Smyth, and Robinson not marked.

H. BASTINGS, Secretary for Works.

April 6, 1874.

Contract 877.—Orepuki Railway.

1. J. and N. Campbell	...	...	...	...	£25,667	0	0
2. E. and J. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	32,551	2	6
3. W. D. Morrison	...	...	...	...	30,469	13	0
4. D. Proudfoot	...	...	...	...	28,397	9	0
5. T. Robinson and Co.	...	...	...	...	33,390	14	0

Engineer's estimate for entire line, £40,000, of which the present contract should absorb fully five-eighths.

Forwarded to Provincial Engineer.

A. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

April 4, 1874.

J. and N. Campbell's tender is by telegram, and there being no deposit cheque or schedule of rates is, therefore, by terms of contract, informal.

The next lowest tender is that of David Proudfoot, and being in accordance with contract conditions, it is recommended for acceptance.

D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer.

E.C., April 6, 1874.—Accepted, less fencing.—A. WILLIS, Clerk to Executive Council.

Tender 880.

Memo.—This tender is conditional upon the acceptance of tenders 877, 878, 879, and each on that of the other.

Dunedin, April 3, 1874.

Memo. for Secretary of Works, *re* Light Railways.

SIR,—I am willing to construct the Light Railways as tendered for, for the sum of one hundred and forty-two thousand (£142,000) pounds, and to accept payment either in cash or by one hundred and forty-two thousand (142,000) acres of land, the selection of such land to be arranged between the Government and myself.

DAVID PROUDFOOT.

Contract 878.—Riverton to Otautau Railway.

1. T. Robinson and Co.	...	...	...	...	£43,733	9	11
2. D. Proudfoot	...	...	...	...	37,104	2	0
3. W. D. Morrison	...	...	...	...	38,881	19	0
4. E. and J. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	43,360	8	0
5. J. and N. Campbell and Co.	...	...	...	...	37,550	17	6
6. Calder and Co.	...	...	...	...	44,362	2	7

Engineer's Estimate, £40,000, sections having been taken before estimate was made.

Forwarded to Provincial Engineer.—A. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

April 4th, 1874.

Tender of David Proudfoot is lowest, and, being in accordance with contract condition, it is recommended for acceptance.

D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer.

April 6th, 1874.

E.C., 6th April, 1874.—Accepted, less fencing.—A. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

Contract No. 880.—Waiareka Railway.

1. T. Robinson and Co.	...	...	...	£51,088	12	6
2. D. Proudfoot	...	...	...	45,240	19	6
3. Smyth and Lazarus	...	...	...	43,314	15	4
4. W. D. Morrison	...	...	...	45,009	19	0
5. E. and J. Sinclair	...	...	...	51,596	2	0

Engineer's original estimate before section was taken, and exact line fixed upon was 31,100. The tender recommended is reasonable in price, taking the present rate of labor into consideration.

Forwarded to Provincial Engineer.—A. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

April 4th, 1874.

The cheque accompanying the tender of Smyth and Lazarus is not marked, and consequently the tender is informal. The next lowest tender is that of W. D. Morrison, which is in accordance with contract conditions.

D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer.

April 6th, 1874.

E.C., April 9th, 1874.—Accepted.—A. WILLIS, Clerk to Executive Council.

Memo. by Chairman.—Proudfoot's tenders accepted. Purport to be the tenders of George Proudfoot, but are signed by David Proudfoot, and without any witness to the signature. At the foot of the Government tender form there is the following note:—"N.B.—Persons tendering must either call at the Office of Roads and Works, and give references, if required; or, in lieu of calling personally, send in, with their tenders, a certificate from some known person that the names and signatures are genuine. Tenders must be in the actual name of the person tendering, and no transfer will be permitted except by special permission.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON 2ND JUNE, 1874.

Dr. WEBSTER, M.P.C., attended and stated as follows:—

All that I can say as to the facts disclosed, that there were liabilities existing far in excess of the amount placed on the Estimates by the Turnbull Government, viz., £5,000, is, that I was not aware of them. I did examine Estimates, but cannot say what sum exactly was on the original or Tolmie Estimates. On re-constructing the Estimates by the Turnbull Government, when I joined, I remember we put them down. I did not examine into the contracts accepted, but understood that £5,000 was sufficient to cover all expenditure for that year, including liabilities. I know that Mr. Bastings fought hard to retain the original sum on the Estimates; but I feel certain that, had I been made aware that liabilities had been incurred, I would not have insisted on the reduction of the vote. The Estimates were framed by the previous Government. These printed Estimates were submitted to Mr. Shand and myself, and we would not consent to join the Government unless reductions were made in some votes, and additions made to others. Our conditions were agreed to, and we joined the Government. On looking through the Estimates before we joined, Mr. Shand and myself thought there was too little on the Estimates for some roads, and too much for other roads. I am not aware that any contracts were accepted for that road, except by the Executive. I remember of £1,200 having been proposed to be transferred from the vote Tuapeka to Teviot to road Tuapeka to Tokomairiro, because the money voted for the Tuapeka to Tokomairiro road had been spent. I was not present at the Executive, but saw afterwards, in the minutes of Executive, that such a proposition had been made, on the recommendation of the Secretary of Works. I think it was in February that the Government became aware of the vote Tokomairiro to Lawrence being exceeded. The Government were not made aware then that there was a large over-expenditure besides. I was informed of these things by the Provincial Secretary. The Government inquired into the question as to the over expenditure. I understood that it was unauthorised. *In re Railways:* I have heard Mr. Bastings' statement read. I have no reason to question it, except that I certainly thought Mr. Bastings was in the habit, as head of the Department, of examining the tenders on their being returned to him by the Engineer, and be in a position to advise the Government; but I have no reason to disbelieve Mr. Bastings with reference to his not having examined the tenders. I came to town on Saturday with the view of being at an Executive meeting on Monday, for Government business. I was not aware whether the tenders had been accepted or not. I saw the Provincial Secretary, and he informed me they were not. I then propose to him to have a meeting on Monday, if the other members of the Executive were agreeable. He said it would suit him as well as any other day, and promised to see the Superintendent and Mr. Bastings on Monday. Mr. Turnbull and I went to Mr. Bastings' office in the forenoon, as he was about leaving for the day, and said that we wanted to settle these tenders, as I had come for that purpose, and must leave that afternoon by steamer. Mr. Bastings remarked that the Superintendent had gone home, and that he himself was going out with his family. Mr. T. advised sending for the Superintendent, and Mr. Bastings agreed to return at two o'clock. Mr. Bastings did so, and found the Superintendent there. Mr. Turnbull sent a special carriage for him. After the tenders came in from the Provincial

Engineer. Mr. Bastings had no opportunity of examining the tenders, he having gone out; and when he returned I was examining them. There were domestic reasons why I could not remain longer in town. There might have been a remark made about the tenders being high, but the first business that was done was the Executive agreeing that no tender should be accepted unless it strictly complied with the conditions of tender. The tenders were then examined, and a certain number of them found informal and rejected. The lowest formal tenders were then accepted; but, with regard to Campbell's tender, a remark was made by the Secretary for Works, and agreed to by the others, that it would not be prudent to accept Campbell's tender. I was influenced by the Provincial Engineer's reports on the tenders themselves, recommending them in agreeing to their acceptance on the ground that he (the Engineer) accounted for the excess over his estimate owing to the rise in labour and material. I note the irregularity now for the first time pointed out to me—that Proudfoot's tender says, "I, George Proudfoot, the undersigned, do hereby tender," &c., and that the document is signed by David Proudfoot, unwitnessed, although that is required by the form of tender. The fencing of the railways was not accepted in the case of the Waiareka Railway, as I understood, because it passed through private lands, and that was part of the conditions and agreement of giving land—at least in some cases.

Mr. JAMES SHAND, M.P.C., attended and stated as follows:—

Dr. Webster and myself, before joining the Government under Mr. Turnbull's leadership, made it a stipulation that we should agree on the land policy and the Estimates. We had a copy of the Estimates prepared by the Tolmie Government. We did not have the written Estimates supplied to the Government by the Provincial Engineer. We did not make much alteration on the departments, but did so on the roads and works. When I first saw the Estimates, I noticed and pointed out to Dr. Webster that the amount for the road Tokomairiro to Tuapeka had a great deal more than its fair share compared to other parts of the Province, and that the late Province of Southland had nothing like a fair share appropriated to it. One of the conditions on which I agreed to join the Government was that this was to be put to rights. The compromise jointly come to by the Government that was formed was, that the vote, Tokomairiro to Lawrence was reduced, to the best of my recollection, £3000 or £4000. I remember Mr. Bastings saying that certain works were going on, and that it would be better to finish that road and be done with it. As far as I can remember, we only had the liabilities stated on the previously prepared Estimates before us. I state distinctly that Mr. Bastings did not inform us of any other liabilities. I distinctly understood the £2,100 of liabilities shown on the previous Estimates was for works going on, and that the £2,400, under heading "Works absolutely necessary," was for new works; the balance, £500, would be for maintenance. Mr. Bastings did not let us know anything further than that I have now stated. Mr. Turnbull did not inform us that the Executive had, in the month of April, entered into certain contracts, or had given authority for expenditure on day labour. I do not recollect whether I was present on 30th October, when a contract was let amounting to £879 15s. I was not present when the Executive authorised the transfer of £1200 from the vote Tuapeka to Teviot to the vote Tokomairiro to Tuapeka. Mr. Turnbull told me that he objected to the transfer, but at the meeting of Executive His Honor supported Mr. Bastings in his recommendation of the transfer. Mr. Turton's name was not mentioned to me as being present when the transfer was sanctioned. Mr. Turnbull afterwards called a special meeting, notice of which I received by letter, asking me to attend an Executive meeting, at which Dr. Webster and I attended, when we supported Mr. Turnbull in the objection he took to the transfer. Mr. Bastings was not present. Mr. Turnbull, Dr. Webster, and myself consulted, and drew up a document that we all signed, and then waited on the Superintendent. I saw on the Executive minutes a record of the transfer, and Mr. Turnbull's protest against it. The document was signed and taken to the Superintendent. It contained our reasons for supporting Mr. Turnbull's protest. I did not ask Mr. Turnbull if he had summoned Mr. Bastings for the special meeting. Mr. Turnbull did not, as far as I can remember, inform us that the Engineer had recommended the transfer. I think it came within the scope of the duties of Mr. Turnbull, as head of the Government, to make such a statement. I did not ask Mr. Bastings for an explanation before signing the document, because I knew the transfer had been agreed to by the majority of the Executive at that meeting. I knew it from the Executive minutes. I do not remember hearing anything about a report from the District Engineer about the month of November as to a discrepancy of £1137 between the books of the District Engineer and the Auditor.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON 3RD JUNE, 1874.

Mr. GEORGE TURNBULL, M.P.C., attended, and stated as follows:—

I have no cause to dispute the statement of liabilities now read to me, but I never heard of the £1,137 liability having been discovered in November last. Have never heard of it until the Committee began to sit. The only reason that I can assign for the reduction in the Estimates, when reconstructed, is that a majority of the three members who fixed the Estimates for roads and works agreed to it. When the question of transfer was discussed at the Executive meeting, no mention was made as to how the discrepancy arose of £1137, but simply that there was a mistake committed in the Engineer's office. I could never obtain a satisfactory explanation. I have no doubt I was present at the meetings of Executive on 14th March and 2nd May. I do not recollect that authority was given on 14th March to carry out works by day labor; the Executive minutes will show. I know, as a fact, that two contracts were accepted on 2nd May. I knew of the £2100 liabilities shown on the Estimates. I did not take part in framing the Estimates for roads and works. I left the principal charge of that to the Secretary of Works, Dr. Webster, and Mr. Shand. The Executive minutes will show whether I was present when a contract was accepted in October. I took no control over, or made enquiry into, the votes for roads and works, until an application was made to transfer £1200 from the Tuapeka to Teviot vote to the Toko-

mairiro to Tuapeka vote, as it was always the practice for the Secretary of Works to regulate the expenditure, and, as I believed, to draw the attention of the Executive to cases where proposed expenditure would exceed the vote, and get the necessary sanction, if it was agreed to. It has not been customary for the Secretary for Works to produce to the Executive a statement of the available amount of vote before accepting new contracts. It did not strike me at the Executive meeting in October, when a further contract of £879 15s, was authorised, that, from my previous knowledge of authorised works, the vote would be exceeded; but I trusted implicitly to the Secretary for Works to inform the Executive if the vote was exceeded, and more funds required. When the application for the transfer of the £1200 came up, there were present at the Executive meeting, His Honor the Superintendent, Messrs. Bastings, Turton, and self. I asked that it should stand over till a subsequent meeting, at which were present the Superintendent, Mr. Bastings, and self. I did so, from my personal knowledge of the state of the two roads, I demurred to the transfer being made from a road that much needed the money to one that did not, and my dissent was recorded on the minutes, and on the voucher. The Secretary for Works, at that meeting, stated there was some mistake in the Engineer's office in connection with that road, by which more money required to be charged to the vote than had been anticipated. The Executive frequently requested the Superintendent to obtain an explanation of the matter, but, as far as I am aware, it never was got—in fact, it was one of the main reasons that led to the resolution to break up the Government, the apparently undefined liabilities on this road. Afterwards, I found constantly coming under my notice additional liabilities, and I had repeated discussions with the Secretary for Works on the subject, asking how we were to meet the Council with such a state of affairs. He always said that it was in his department, and that he would defend the expenditure; and further, that he would propose to put a toll on the road, and have some of it recouped. In addition to the liabilities stated on the Estimates, vouchers for day labor, to the amount of £281, applicable to the last year, have come into the Treasury for payment, and not included in the liabilities stated on the Estimates, making a total of £6430 13s. 4d., actually paid during 1873-74; outstanding liabilities, £3500; road labor vouchers, £281; in all, £10,211 13s. 4d. In addition to this, I believe that a portion of the vote for Murray's Flat Creek bridge has been expended on Tokomairiro to Tuapeka road, as a tender was obtained for the bridge, in the end of April, for £897 2s., and recommended to be accepted by the Engineer; but this was not accepted, and it was afterwards agreed to be constructed by day labor. I think that the balance that was spent of the amount over the cost of the bridge must have been spent on the road. The transfer, I presume, would be recommended by the Provincial Engineer to the Secretary for Works, and be recommended by him to the Executive. Transfers of votes, with the consent of the Executive, has been a usual practice. In the mere asking for the transfer there was nothing unusual—the novelty was the reason assigned—that a mistake had occurred in the Engineer's department. I believe the Engineer's department was very much overworked, and about that very time we agreed to find him a Clerk. The pressure of the work would consequently render it difficult for the Secretary for Works to ascertain as to the whole position of the expenditure. There never was any reason assigned by the Superintendent why the information requested as to the state of the expenditure on this road was not given. I do not believe the Secretary for Works purposely withheld information from the Government. I think that in the Tolmie Estimates there was either no vote at all for the Murray's Flat Creek Bridge, or that it was a much smaller amount than £1600, and that probably, when the Estimates were re-cast, it may have been increased with the view of making approaches, and thus lighten the vote for the road; but not having taken any part personally in fixing the sums, I cannot speak positively. I think that a youth who was an applicant for an appointment in the Survey Office was employed as clerk. I never called a private meeting to consider specially the protest as to transfer, but some time after that protest Dr. Webster, Mr. Shand, and myself had a meeting to consider the position of the Government. This was a casual meeting, and not a regular Executive meeting, or called by myself by circular. Mr. Shand must be mistaken as to its being an Executive meeting. His statement as to receiving a circular may be correct. I may have dropped him a note, telling him that Dr. Webster was in town. Mr. Bastings was not in town, and consequently not at that meeting. When the Estimates were re-cast by the Turnbull Government, I was not aware of the full amount of the liabilities incurred. I assumed that the liabilities stated on the Tolmie Estimates was the full amount of liability on that vote. I have heard read statement by Mr. Bastings, viz.: "I had no personal communication with the Provincial Engineer from Thursday, the 2nd of April, till he brought in the tenders to my room on Monday, when Dr. Webster was present—on Monday, the 6th. There was nothing done in connection with these tenders, otherwise than in the usual course—excepting that, as these were large tenders I went for Mr. Turnbull, and asked him to be present at their being opened on the 4th. Usually the Superintendent and myself open tenders for works. The reason why the tenders were accepted on Monday, although a holiday, was because Dr. Webster had come to town, and both Mr. Turnbull and Dr. Webster came to my office in the forenoon, as I was about leaving for the day, and said they wanted to settle these tenders, as Dr. Webster had come for the purpose, and must leave that afternoon by steamer. I remarked that the Superintendent had gone home, and that I was going out with my family myself. They advised sending for the Superintendent, and I agreed to return at two o'clock. I did so, and found the Superintendent there. Mr. Turnbull sent a special carriage for him. After the tenders came in from the Provincial Engineer, I had no opportunity of examining them, I having gone out, and when I returned found Dr. Webster examining them. Up to the time of the meeting of the Executive, I could not have told from memory which was the lowest tender for any one work, but my impression was that Proudfoot's tenders were the lowest for the lot. Had Dr. Webster and Mr. Turnbull not come to my office pressing for an Executive meeting on the Monday, the tenders would not have been dealt with till the Tuesday—in fact, could not have been. Had the tenders not been dealt with on the Monday, Campbell's tender would have been considered on the Tuesday, the same as Calder's was considered on the Monday, which only arrived that morning; and no doubt Campbell's tender must have been accepted, or new tenders called for"—and have no reason to question its correctness. I do not think Campbell's tender would have been accepted had the meeting been delayed till Tuesday. The

decision to confine consideration of contracts to those that were strictly formal was arrived at first; then I proposed to send all the cheques to the banks to be cashed, which was over-ruled, and Mr. Basting's proposal to adhere to the formal tenders was carried. Afterwards it was discussed as to advisability of re-tendering, but Executive decided to accept, as they were close to or under the Engineer's estimate, and there being no probability of their being done for less. The propriety or impropriety of accepting tenders so much in excess of the votes appropriated was not considered at all in the Executive. When we resolved to advertise for tenders, the Executive discussed the terms of the appropriation as to payment by land, and resolved that it was better to make payments in cash. This is the first time that I have become aware of the informality in Proudfoot's tender. I do not think that there is the slightest cause for supposing that there could be any tampering with these tenders. It is a matter of almost impossibility.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON 4TH JUNE, 1874.

His Honor JAMES MACANDREW attended, and stated as follows:—

I remember a transfer of £1200 from Tuapeka to Teviot road to Tokomairiro to Tuapeka. When the usual voucher was placed before me, I remember setting it aside for enquiry; and having enquired and satisfied myself that the vote had been exceeded, and that it was necessary to find this sum, I agreed to it in the Executive—in fact, I found the money had been actually paid. This sum had been paid in excess of the vote before I was asked to transfer. I cannot explain how this took place. I asked for information, and no doubt obtained it. It was prior, I think, to a document reaching me from three members of the Executive. I do not think Mr. Bastings showed any special favor in expending money on the Tuapeka Road. The Engineer's department was very short-handed, and I repeatedly urged that extra assistance should be given. In fact, the Engineer resigned at one time on that ground, but on my promise to give more assistance, he withdrew his resignation. I think the delay that took place in the Return being furnished arose from the short-handedness of the department. Probably had the amount not been paid, I should not have agreed as readily to the transfer. It is a usual practice to transfer from one vote to another, under special circumstances, by resolution of Executive. It is usual for each head of department to be responsible for the conduct of his department. The transfer of this vote was agreed to by the Executive; it was not unanimous.

Mr. D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer, attended and stated further as follows:—

Mr. Turnbull's statement as to Murray's Flat Bridge having been read, I explain that the amount over cost of bridge was expended on making the approaches, without which the bridge would be useless. The inference suggested by Mr. Turnbull is not a correct one. When I was asked for statement referred to by His Honor, the District Engineer was up country, and consequently I had no data until he returned. This was the reason for the slight delay that took place. I attended a meeting of Executive to explain, when I remember of saying that in reconstructing the Estimates the Executive must have overlooked the amount of Heffernan's contract, £2794 12s. 8d., when they reduced the Estimates to £5000, as that was the sum which, added to the £5000, would make up the amount of my original estimates. I point out from the Votes and Proceedings, in support of my evidence as to transfers, that in the year 1871-72, a transfer was made from Tokomairiro to Tuapeka to road Tuapeka to Teviot. In regard to my recommendation of Proudfoot's tender as being formal, I produce contracts showing that the Government did not adhere to the printed form in all cases. What I consider is absolutely necessary to be formal is the schedule rates, and deposit cheques properly marked. I knew that although the signature to Proudfoot's tender was informal, that George Proudfoot held a power of attorney from his brother David Proudfoot, and which I had previously seen in relation to signing a former contract. The deposit is 2½ per cent. with the tender, and 7½ per cent. on acceptance. All the contract deeds for the Light Railways have been signed, and the full deposit of 10 per cent paid into the Treasury.

EVIDENCE TAKEN ON 5TH JUNE, 1874.

Mr. D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer, attended, and stated as follows:—

Upon my receiving a request to furnish information as to slight errors in vouchers issued by the department, I wrote the following letter, and received the answer attached. I had not previously asked for the appointment of a Clerk. In the month of February or March, I received a verbal request from the Government to furnish a statement of the expenditure on all the votes in my department, and it was stated to me that I could have clerical assistance to make out that statement; but as the statement had to be furnished by the District Engineers, clerical assistance was of no service. After I asked for the Clerk, in November, the Superintendent verbally stated that I might have one of the boys who had applied for one of the cadetships in the Survey Office, but not getting authority afterwards officially, I could not act on the Superintendent's suggestion, and, as a matter of fact, never had him. About the middle of April, I asked for clerical assistance to get up statements for meeting of Council, and got such:—

“ Provincial Engineer’s Department, Otago,

Dunedin, 3rd November, 1873.

“ The Secretary for Works.

“ SIR,—Vouchers prepared by the District Engineers and other officers of this department came through my office before undergoing the necessary process of checking, to ensure accuracy before presentation at the Treasury. As it is practically impossible for me to examine minutely each item in the vouchers which pass through my hands, I would respectfully suggest that a Clerk be appointed in the department, whose duty it will be to examine closely every voucher, and certify to its accuracy by initialling it, preparatory to its receiving my signature of endorsement.

Although great care is bestowed in the issuing of vouchers by officers in this department, slight errors and informalities will arise, and the method I have suggested appears to me the only one capable of accomplishing the object in view.

I have, &c.,

D L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer.

The Government decline to appoint clerk. You will instruct District Engineers and employes in your department to be more particular in future in filling in vouchers.

H. Bastings, Secretary for Works.

May 11, 1873.

Report of the Committee of Reference

Re WAITAHUNA WEST DISTRICT ROAD COMPULSORY LAND-TAKING BILL.

(Brought up by Mr. M’Glashan, May 27, 1874.)

[ORDER OF REFERENCE.—*Ordered*—“That a Committee of Reference be appointed, consisting of Mr. Lumsden, Hon. Dr. Menzies, Mr. Stout, Mr. Kinross, Mr. Wilson, Mr. M’Glashan, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers.”—*Provincial Secretary (Mr. Turnbull)*, April 30.]

Your Committee have fully considered the “Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land-taking Ordinance, 1874,” and have to report that the requirements of “The Provincial Compulsory Land-taking Act, 1866,” and of “Standing Rules and Orders” under said Act, have been complied with.

Your Committee have taken a good deal of evidence, and are of opinion that a road in the district is much required, and that the road proposed to be taken by the “Waitahuna West District Road Compulsory Land-taking Ordinance, 1874,” is one that will suit the settlers, and would therefore recommend that the Bill be proceeded with.

ED. M’GLASHAN, Chairman.

Dunedin, 27th May, 1874.

HUNDREDS PROPOSED DURING SESSION XXXII., 1873.

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO,)

LAI'D UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER, MAY 18, 1874.

1.—*Deputy-Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary.*

Province of Otago, N.Z.,

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, September 3, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward the enclosed copy of a Resolution of the Provincial Council, passed at its last Session, relative to the proclamation of Hundreds, and with reference to that portion which recommends 20,000 acres to be set apart on Runs No. 185 and 260, to forward a plan and description of the proposed Lee Stream Hundred, with a request that His Excellency may be advised to proclaim it without delay. The Certificate from the Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands, as required by Section 97A of "The Otago Waste Land Act, 1872," is also enclosed.

I have, &c.,

J. T. BOYD, Deputy-Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

2.—*Deputy-Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary.*

Province of Otago, N.Z.

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, September 9, 1873.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the number and date quoted in the margin (14283-2, September 3, 1873), enclosing copy of a Resolution of the Provincial Council, passed at its last Session, relative to the proclamation of Hundreds, and with reference to that portion of the Resolution which recommends 15,000 acres to be set apart on Runs 137 and 123, I have the honor to enclose a plan and description of the proposed Tuapeka Hundred within those Runs, with a request that His Excellency the Governor may be advised to proclaim it without delay.

The Certificate from the Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands, as required by Section 97A of "The Otago Waste Land Act, 1872," is also enclosed.

I have, &c.,

J. T. BOYD.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

3.—*Deputy-Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary.*

Province of Otago, N.Z.

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, September 19, 1873.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the number and date quoted in the margin (14283-2, September 3, 1873), enclosing copy of a Resolution of the Provincial Council, passed at its last Session, relative to the proclamation of Hundreds, and with reference to that portion of the Resolution which recommends 6000 acres to be set apart on Runs No. 80 and 109, I have the honor to enclose a plan and description of the proposed Dunback Hundred within those Runs, with a request that His Excellency the Governor may be advised to proclaim it without delay.

The Certificate from the Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands, as required by Section 97A of "The Otago Waste Land Act, 1872," is also enclosed.

I have, &c.,

J. T. BOYD, Deputy-Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

4.—*Colonial Secretary to the Superintendent.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, September 25, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No. 14283-5) of the 19th instant, enclosing a plan and description of the proposed Dunback Hundred within Runs No. 80 and 109, and requesting that His Excellency may be advised to proclaim it without delay.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL POLLEN.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

5.—*Telegram—Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary.*

Dunedin, October 17, 1873.

Hon. Colonial Secretary, Wellington,—

New Hundreds. O'Rorke's letter not received. If not already proclaimed, please fix date on which proclamation will come into force—say one month subsequent to issue of *Gazette*—in order that due publicity may be given, difficulties having arisen on this point.

J. MACANDREW.

6.—*Secretary for Crown Lands to the Superintendent.*

General Crown Lands Office,

Wellington, October 11, 1873.

SIR,—With reference to the applications contained in your three letters of numbers and dates quoted in the margin, for the proclamation of Hundreds to be named respectively, "Lees Stream Hundred," "Tuapeka Hundred," and "Dunback Hundred," I have the honor to inform you that a question has been raised with regard to the sufficiency of the certificate which Mr. Thomson makes in his conjoint capacity of Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, under Section 97A of "The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," with regard to one-third of the proposed Hundred being available for agriculture.

The question, on being referred to the Attorney-General for his opinion, it is held by that gentleman that the law requires the certificate prescribed by the section quoted above, to be that of two distinct officers. The Certificate, therefore, which Mr. Thomson has made with regard to these Hundreds in his dual capacity of Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, consequently does not fulfil the requirements of the law.

As the salaries of both these officers are borne by the Province, and the appointment of one of them, the Chief Surveyor, rests in your Honor, I desire to be favored with your Honor's views on what you consider should be done in this matter.

Annexed is a copy of the Attorney-General's opinion.

I have, &c.,

G. MAURICE O'RORKE, Secretary for Crown Lands.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

[Enclosure in No. 6.]

I think the Act requires the acts to be performed by two officers, and that the holding of the two offices by one person prevents the requirements of the Act being complied with.

It is to be borne in mind that, at the time when the Act of 1872 was passed, both offices were held by Mr. Thomson; nevertheless, I think that the Legislature cannot be held to have contemplated the continuance of that arrangement.

I think, therefore, that either the law should be altered, or some different arrangement made as to these offices. I do not think that these Hundreds can be proclaimed until the Certificates of two distinct persons are sent to the Governor.

Sept. 29, 1873.

J. PRENDERGAST.

7.—*Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary.*

Province of Otago, N.Z.,

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 22nd Nov. 1873.

SIR,—Referring to a letter, No. 751, of the 11th ultimo, received by me from the Honorable the Secretary for Crown Lands, enclosing copy of the opinion of the Attorney General relative to the certificate signed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, in his dual capacity, which prevents the proposed new Hundreds in this Province from being proclaimed,

I have the honor now to inform you that Mr. J. T. Thomson has resigned his office of Chief Surveyor of the Province, and Mr. James McKerrow was appointed on the 19th instant as his successor, and I now have the honor to enclose certificates as to the proportion of land in each of the proposed Hundreds of Tuapeka, Lees Stream, and Dunback, which, in the opinion of the Chief Surveyor and the Commissioner of Crown Lands respectively, is available for agriculture.

I trust no further difficulties will intervene to prevent the immediate Proclamation of the Hundreds referred to.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

8.—*Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary.*

Province of Otago, N.Z.

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, November 24, 1874.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the number and date quoted in the margin (14288-2), enclosing copy of a Resolution of the Provincial Council, passed at its last Session, relative to the Proclamation of Hundreds, and with reference to that portion of the Resolution which recommends 10,000 acres to be set apart on Runs 161 and 74, I have the honor to enclose a plan and description of the proposed Caddon Hundred within those runs, with a request that His Excellency the Governor may be advised to proclaim it without delay.

The Certificate from the Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands, as required by Section 97A of "The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," is also enclosed.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

9.—*Telegram—Superintendent to Colonial Secretary.*

Dunedin, 3rd December 1873.

Hon. Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

In proclaiming new Hundreds applied for, please make the date at which the land is open for application thirty days subsequent to date of *Gazette* containing proclamation.

J. MACANDREW.

10.—*Telegram—Superintendent to Colonial Secretary.*

Dunedin, 5th February, 1874.

Hon. Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

When are the Hundreds likely to be proclaimed. Certificates in November last.

J. MACANDREW.

11.—*Telegram—Superintendent to Colonial Secretary.*

Dunedin, 12th February, 1874.

Hon. Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Please reply to my telegram *re* proclamation of Hundreds. Great dissatisfaction and inconvenience felt here at the delay—six months now.

J. MACANDREW.

12.—*Hon. Mr. Reynolds to the Superintendent.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 19th February, 1874.

SIR,—Herewith I transmit for your Honor's information a memorandum by the Honorable the Secretary of Crown Lands, conveying the Attorney-General's opinion on the proclamation of Hundred in the Province of Otago.

I have, &c.,

W. H. REYNOLDS,

In the absence of the Colonial Secretary.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

[Enclosure with No. 12.]

Memorandum for the Hon. Colonial Secretary.

It is with very great regret that I have to inform you that the proclamations constituting the Hundreds of Lees Stream, Caddon, Tuapeka, and Dunback, which have been prepared on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago, in pursuance of the provisions of the Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, at present cannot be issued.

The papers and draft proclamations respecting these proposed Hundreds having been submitted for final examination to the Attorney-General, preparatory to being presented for signature to His Excellency the Governor on arrival here, advises as follows:—

The provision under which it is proposed to constitute these Hundreds is that contained in the Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, section 96, *et seq.*:

By this provision the Governor, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Provincial Council, may proclaim any portion of the Waste Lands of the Crown, not being within a Hundred, to be a Hundred.

It is necessary that there should be the concurrence of will of the three (Governor, Superintendent and Council) as to the identical portion of land.

I have read the Resolutions of the Council, and it is clear that in neither of these cases was the particular portion of land proposed to be proclaimed defined in the Resolutions of the Council, or the recommendation made by the Superintendent to the Council.

Both Superintendent and Council use indefinite language; indeed, it appears from the Resolutions themselves that the lands had not been defined by survey.

I am of opinion that without definite descriptions in the Resolutions of the Council the proclamation would be ineffective.

The land should have been first surveyed; then an accurate description furnished, describing metes and bounds. If survey lines are given, not the length only, but the direction thereof should be given, and a definite starting point.

I think that no date should be fixed in the proclamation for the coming into operation thereof. There is no provision in the Act requiring or authorising this to be done; on the contrary, section 149 provides that pastoral leases of lands included in Hundreds shall cease from date of proclamation.

If such a provision is put in the proclamation, a difficulty will arise as to what is the date of the proclamation. The provision should be omitted, and the object of the Superintendent attained by a notification thirty days or longer before the proclamation, that the Governor will on such a date proclaim.

It is recommended that this opinion be laid before His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE,

Secretary for Crown Lands.

19th February, 1874.

13.—*Telegram—Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary.*

Dunedin, 17th February, 1874.

Hon. Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Re Hundreds.—Resolved that the Executive desires to express its strong disapproval of the great delay which has taken place in deciding upon the Hundreds adopted at the last Session of the Provincial Council, and its dissatisfaction at the opinion of the Attorney-General, which is quite opposed to the spirit and intent of the Act. The Executive consider the matter of such importance, that had the decision of the General Government been given in a reasonable time after the necessary papers were sent, a special meeting of the Council would have been called to consider the position which the Attorney-General's opinion places the Province in, as regards opening land for settlement.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

14.—*Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary.*

Province of Otago, New Zealand,

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 4th March, 1874.

SIR,—Referring to the Resolution of my Executive Council relative to the proclamation of additional Hundreds, communicated to you by telegram upon the 17th ultimo, I have now to acknowledge receipt of your letter of date as per margin, 19th Feb. 1874, transmitting for my information a memorandum by the Honorable the Secretary for Crown Lands, conveying the Attorney-General's opinion on the proclamation of the Hundreds in question.

In reply, I have to point out the absolute necessity which exists for these Hundreds, and to express a hope that there may be no further delay in the proclamation thereof—the opinion of the Attorney-General notwithstanding. With all deference, the grounds of this opinion appear to me to be exceedingly flimsy, and the correspondence which has taken place on the subject would seem to indicate a desire to discover “how best not to do it.”

The first application for these Hundreds was addressed to you on the 3rd of September, 1873. After a lapse of five weeks, the Attorney-General discovered a flaw in the application, inasmuch as the Chief Surveyor of the Province and the Commissioner of Crown Lands happened to be one and the same person. Although I felt at the time that the objection might well have been combated, yet, rather than incur delay, it was agreed to saddle the Province with an additional unnecessary salary. Accordingly upon this the application was renewed, accompanied with a certificate by two separate individuals, as Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor respectively.

In the meantime, so great was the necessity of providing for settlement by placing land in the market, that I repeatedly telegraphed to you urging the proclamation; and now, after a lapse of six months, it appears that the proclamation cannot be issued, because it is necessary that there should be the concurrence of Governor, Superintendent, and Provincial Council as to the identical portion of land “sought to be dealt with, and that the particular portion of land proposed to be proclaimed was not defined in the resolution of the Provincial Council or the recommendation made by the Superintendent.”

Now, while this may or may not be the technical interpretation of the statute, it is, to say the least of it, a doubtful interpretation; and seeing that there can be no doubt as to the desire of both the Superintendent and Provincial Council in the matter, I submit that the concurrence of the Governor should not be withheld.

It appears that public policy should have more weight in this matter than professional punctilio, and that it is manifestly inconsistent with one hand to be striving to promote the settlement of the country, and with the other to be retarding the same by withholding land from occupation on merely technical grounds.

Surely it cannot be for a moment supposed that in the proclamation of Hundreds the Legislature intended that there must needs be any more definite boundary than that of the run within or out of which the Hundred is to be taken, or that greater obstacles should be placed in the way of acquiring land for settlement than already exist.

In the case now in question the Superintendent solicited and obtained the concurrence of the Provincial Council to enable him to acquire from the pastoral tenants blocks of land for settlement within the limits of certain runs, the boundaries whereof are defined on the respective leases. Subsequently the boundaries of the particular block are defined by survey, for the purpose of proclamation, and the lessee receives his compensation, be it large or small, as provided by law. So far I venture to affirm that the spirit and intention, if not the actual letter, of the law has been *bona fide* complied with; and I would now, on public grounds, in furtherance of the public interest, most respectfully and emphatically urge that His Excellency's signature be attached to the proclamations which have been prepared respecting the proposed Hundreds.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

15.—*Case for Opinion of Counsel.*

On the 14th July, 1873, the Superintendent sent the following Message to the Provincial Council:—

(MESSAGE. NO. 9.)

The Superintendent desires the co-operation of the Provincial Council in recommending His Excellency the Governor to proclaim three new Hundreds, as follows, in terms of section 96 of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872:—1st, 20,000 acres in runs 185 and 260; 2nd, 10,000 acres in runs 74 and 161; 3rd, 15,000 acres in runs 137 and 123.

JAMES MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Provincial Government Offices, 14th July, 1873.

On the 23rd July the Provincial Council adopted the following resolution in reply:—

Resolved—That this Council, having had under consideration His Honor's Message No. 9, relative to the proclamation of Hundreds, approves of the recommendation therein contained, and accordingly recommends the proclamation of the following Hundreds:—1st, 20,000 acres in runs 185, 260, and 254; 2nd, 10,000 acres in runs 74 and 161; 3rd, 15,000 acres in runs 137 and 123; 4th, 6000 acres in runs 80 and 109, a large portion of that area being already surveyed; and that after the proclamation of the last-mentioned Hundred, 2500 acres be set apart in said Hundred to be dealt with under "the system of deferred payments."

Subsequently a copy of the foregoing resolution, together with plans and descriptions of boundaries of proposed Hundreds, were forwarded by the Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary, with a request that the Hundreds might be proclaimed by the Governor in terms of the "Otago Waste Land Act, 1872," said plans being accompanied by a certificate from the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the Chief Surveyor of the Province, as required by the Act.

Thereafter the Superintendent is furnished with the Attorney-General's opinion, to the effect that the Hundred could not be legally proclaimed, in consequence of the certificate being signed by one individual only, Mr. J. T. Thomson, at that time holding both position of Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands.

In order to obviate this difficulty, Mr. M'Kerrow was appointed Chief Surveyor, and two separate certificates were forwarded.

Subsequently the following letter is received from the Colonial Secretary :—

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 19th February, 1874.

SIR,—Herewith I transmit for your Honor's information a memorandum by the Honorable the Secretary of Crown Lands, conveying the Attorney-General's opinion on the proclamation of Hundreds in the Province of Otago.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,

(In the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

Memorandum for the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

It is with very great regret that I have to inform you that the proclamations constituting the Hundreds of Lee Stream, Caddon, Tuapeka, and Dunback, which have been prepared on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago, in pursuance of the provisions of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," at present cannot be issued.

The papers and draft proclamations respecting these proposed Hundreds having been submitted for final examination to the Attorney-General, preparatory to being presented for signature to His Excellency the Governor on arrival here, advises as follows :—

"The provision under which it is proposed to constitute these Hundreds is that contained in the 'Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872,' section 96, *et seq.*

"By this provision the Governor, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Provincial Council, may proclaim any portion of the Waste Lands of the Crown not being within a Hundred to be a Hundred.

"It is necessary that there should be the concurrence of will of the three (Governor, Superintendent and Council) as to the identical portion of land.

"I have read these resolutions of the Council, and it is clear that in neither of these cases was the particular portion of land proposed to be proclaimed defined in the resolutions of the Council, or the recommendation made by the Superintendent to the Council.

"Both Superintendent and Council use indefinite language; indeed it appears to me, from the resolutions themselves, that the land had not been defined by survey.

"I am of opinion that, without definite descriptions in the resolutions of the Council, the proclamations would be ineffective.

"The land should have been first surveyed; then an accurate description furnished, describing metes and bounds; if survey lines are given, not the length only, but the direction thereof should be given, and a definite starting point.

"I think that no date should be fixed in the proclamation for the coming into operation thereof. There is no provision in the Act requiring or authorising this to be done; on the contrary, section 149 provides that pastoral leases of land included in Hundreds shall cease from date of proclamation.

"If such a provision is put into the proclamation, a difficulty will arise as to what is the date of the proclamation. The provision should be omitted, and the object of the Superintendent attained by a notification, thirty days or longer before the proclamation, that the Governor will on such a date proclaim."

It is recommended that this opinion be laid before His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE,

Secretary for Crown Lands.

19th February, 1874.

The opinion of Mr. G. Cook is requested as to whether or not the Province would be liable to sustain any damage at the hands of the pastoral tenant in the event of the proposed Hundreds being now proclaimed, keeping especially in view that the pastoral tenant, by receiving the compensation as provided by the Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, is himself a consenting party.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

O P I N I O N S .

Opinion of George Cook, Esq.

I concur with the learned Attorney-General in thinking that in order to make the proposed Proclamation effective, it should appear by the Message of the Superintendent and the Resolution of the Provincial Council, what particular lands are proposed to be taken.

I do not see how all the boundaries can be accurately defined, and the acreage stated, without a previous survey being made.

No doubt there might be some practical difficulty about this being done if pastoral tenants were to offer any opposition to it.

I think that the Waste Lands Act of 1872 should have contained a provision authorising an entry by the Provincial Government Surveyor upon the lands of pastoral tenants of the Crown for the purpose of surveying those lands, with a view to their being proclaimed into Hundreds.

It appears to me that the course taken on the present occasion was, in the first instance, the correct one—namely, for the Superintendent to indicate generally to the Provincial Council what he proposed, and for the Council to give a general assent thereto; but that when this was done the details should have been worked out by a survey and a plan made, and that the Superintendent should then have sent another Message up to the Council, referring to the former one, and accompanied by an accurate description of the lands, and that the Council should, upon this being done, have passed a resolution recommending a Proclamation according to this description. A form of proclamation could then have been prepared and sent to the Colonial Secretary, with a copy of the Superintendent's second Message, and a copy of the resolution thereon, and there would have been no difficulty.

If this course be taken now, the proclamation will be issued, and if the offer of purchase referred to in Section 103A of the Waste Lands Act, 1872, has been made to the pastoral tenant, I do not see how the Province can sustain any damage at his hands. Should he agree to the amount of compensation, he will of course be estopped from complaining, assuming that he has any cause of complaint; should he not, however, agree, the Act provides for the amount being settled by arbitration.

Dunedin, 13th April, 1874.

GEORGE COOK.

16.—*Opinion of R. Stout, Esq.*

In order to answer the question put to me, it will be necessary to give my opinion first as to whether the Governor can legally proclaim the Hundreds asked for under the Waste Lands Act of 1872. I am of opinion that he cannot. The power reserved for the declaration of Hundreds is analogous to the right of a lessor to enter and take possession of certain land demised; or, to quote the words of the Act, "To determine the lease" of the tenant. This power can be exercised only under certain circumstances. The 96th Section provides for the recommendation of the Superintendent and Provincial Council; whilst, by the 97th Section, another way is shown for the obtaining of a Hundred. From the facts set out in the case, it does not appear that either the Superintendent or the Provincial Council have recommended any specific portion of land to be declared into Hundreds. That this ought to have been done before the Governor can exercise his powers under Section 96, is, I think, obvious, for, so far as it appears from the Message of the Superintendent or the resolution of the Council, it might happen that the Superintendent recommended one block, and that the Council was in favour of another.

Nor can the Governor ascertain from the resolution of the Council what particular block is recommended for a Hundred.

At the same time, I am of opinion that it is not necessary that the land should be accurately surveyed before recommending that it should be proclaimed a Hundred. Describing land by surveyors' boundaries is, after all, a modern way of setting out the metes or bounds of land, and were the land recommended for a Hundred described by natural boundaries or otherwise, so that the specific portion of land wanted could be identified, I am of opinion no further description would be necessary.

Having stated it as my opinion, that no specific portion of land having been recommended to the Governor for proclamation as a Hundred, that the Governor cannot legally, under Section 96, declare Hundreds on the runs named in the case, it follows that if the Governor did proceed to declare Hundreds the pastoral tenant might treat such declaration as invalid and refuse to acknowledge it.

I see nothing, however, in the Act to prevent the pastoral tenant either surrendering or assigning his lease, or part thereof. Of course, this would have to be done, as the law requires such contracts to be evidenced. It is true that, under Section 99A, the giving up part of his run by the pastoral tenant to the Superintendent for settlement, is supposed to be done "without claiming any compensation." At the same time, the Superintendent may, with the consent of his Council, purchase the rights of a pastoral tenant, and, were such done, land might be opened for settlement.

The mere taking of compensation is not, however, in my opinion, sufficient to estop the Pastoral from disputing the validity of the Proclamation of a Hundred. Were it accepted with a full knowledge of the facts—that is of the invalidity of the Proclamation, &c.,—then, no doubt, the Tenant would be estopped from asserting that the Proclamation was invalid.

If, on the other hand, the compensation was taken on wrong information supplied by the Government, or in ignorance, the Tenant could, on becoming aware of the facts, and returning the compensation money, deny the validity of the Proclamation. The way in which the Province would be damaged at the hands of the Pastoral Tenant would, I suppose, be indirectly. The Pastoral Tenant could not sue the Superintendent. The remedy would, I conceive, be against those who attempted to settle on the Run without his consent.

ROBERT STOUT.

Dunedin, 15th April, 1874.

17.—*Opinion of James Macassey, Esq.*

THE OTAGO WASTE LANDS ACT, 1872.

1. I am of opinion that if the Pastoral Tenant accepts compensation for the determination of his Lease, *quoad* the portion of his Run comprised within a proclaimed Hundred, he will be estopped from questioning the validity of the Proclamation. The acceptance of compensation pre-supposes the determination of the tenant's leasehold interest *pro tanto*; and it would be against all reason to suppose that after acquiescing in, and taking the benefit of an alteration in his position, he could be allowed to assert that his former status remained unchanged. It will be seen on reference to the opinions given by Mr. Whitaker and myself in *re* the Mount Stuart and Traquair Hundreds, that we then expressed a similar view to that now submitted in regard to those of the Pastoral Tenants who had taken advantage of the invalid Proclamation of the Stuart and Traquair Hundreds. The opinion given by the Attorney-General upon the validity of that Proclamation was not concurred in either by the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal. (See *Regina v. Sinclair*, 1872.)

2. I am unable to concur in the view held by the Attorney-General, that before the Provincial Council can lawfully set the Superintendent, or be by him set in motion under Section 96, the metes and bounds of a proposed Hundred should first be ascertained. I see nothing in the Act which requires the performance of such a precedent condition; and it would, in my judgment be, in many cases, an inconvenient, if not useless course to pursue. The expenditure of very considerable sums of money would necessarily be entailed in making a survey before any recommendation could be made either by the Superintendent or Provincial Council; and such an expenditure would prove to be wholly useless if either the one or the other declined to join in making the recommendation. For all practical purposes the Council would know probably as much, and as little of the merits of any proposal to constitute a Hundred, if supplied with the results of a survey, as without them.

I have no doubt that the proclamation, when forwarded for the Governor's approval and signature ought to contain, as all proclamations hitherto, I believe, have contained, a sufficient description of the land intended to be comprised in and affected by it. But so long as the proclamation submitted to the Governor is within the four corners of the recommendation of the Superintendent and Provincial Council, I cannot conceive that it would be open to any valid objection. The Council approving of the constitution of a new Hundred of a prescribed area within the limits of a particular run, the Superintendent is then, I think, bound to satisfy himself that the land proposed to be set apart is actually available for the purpose. The necessary survey may then be made, and contemporaneously the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the Chief Surveyor may decide whether the condition of the country proposed to be appropriated for the purposes of a Hundred permits of their giving the certificate required by law. Then only is it that the Superintendent is in a position to ask that the Governor shall issue the requisite proclamation. This mode of procedure seems to me to satisfy all the requirements of the statute.

A contrary view necessarily implies, to my mind, that before any new Hundred can be proclaimed, there must be a species of Parliamentary enquiry—a proceeding evidently not contemplated by the statute. The Council could not well recommend that a specially-described block of land should be set apart for the purposes of a Hundred without being first satisfied that it was available for the purpose; that it had been duly surveyed, and was of the area supposed; and probably, in order that its proceedings should not be futile, would require to be satisfied that the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor would give the certificate required by law. If not satisfied upon this point, the Council would probably direct its attention to some other or altered block of land.

Upon the whole, I am of opinion that the proceedings which have been taken with a view to obtain the Governor's assent to the proclamation of the proposed Hundreds have been strictly according to law, and that any proclamation which has been forwarded to His Excellency by the Superintendent, containing a sufficiently-defined area of land answering the recommendation of the Provincial Council, ought to issue, and if issued, will be valid. I concur with the Attorney-General in thinking that under section 149 (which alters the law as interpreted in *Regina v. Sinclair*) no time should be expressly named in the proclamation for the determination of the lease.

Should the Governor be still advised not to issue the proclamation, the only course left will be to send down a recommendation to the Provincial Council, complying with the views of the Attorney-General's opinion.

JAMES MACASSEY.

Steinhoff's Buildings, 10th April, 1874.

18.—*Opinion of B. C. Haggitt, Esq.*

It is with very considerable diffidence that I venture to differ in any respect from the opinion of the Attorney-General, which, by reason of his great experience in such matters as the present, is entitled to the very greatest respect and consideration.

I agree with the Attorney-General that the concurrence of will of the Governor, Superintendent, and Provincial Council is required to the constitution of any portion of the Waste Lands of the Crown as a Hundred, but I cannot conceive it to be necessary that, in order to evidence this concurrence of will, the lands to be comprised within a proposed Hundred should be accurately defined by metes and bounds, as the Attorney-General considers they should be.

I think it would be held sufficient if the Superintendent and Provincial Council agreed to the proclamation of a block of land, the position of which was indicated with reasonable certainty, say by marking it off upon a map or plan, and I conceive that it could afford no ground of objection to the proclamation of the Governor constituting the Hundred that the description contained in it was not more precise, provided of course that it described the same land that the Superintendent and Provincial Council intended to have proclaimed.

If the Attorney-General's opinion on this point is correct, it follows that any slight clerical error in description (even of a few chains or links in the length of a boundary line) which might be made by either the Superintendent, the Council, or the Governor, would invalidate the proclamation of a Hundred, although an accurate survey might have been made previously to any resolution on the subject of the Hundred being passed by the Council.

I agree with the Attorney-General that it would be improper to insert a date in the proclamation of a Hundred, fixing a time for the proclamation to come into operation.

With respect to the special questions upon which I am asked to advise, I am of opinion that although a pastoral tenant under such circumstances could not bring an action for damages against the Superintendent (which I take to be the meaning of the question), still disputes might arise between the pastoral tenant and a purchaser in the Hundred which might place the Government in a position of difficulty—such questions, for example, as were raised between Mr. Reid and Mr. Fulton in the case of the Traquair Hundred; and as in the present case these questions may be avoided by getting resolutions passed by the Provincial Council to meet the views of the Attorney-General within the course of two or three weeks at furthest, I think the Government will exercise a wise discretion in not pressing for the proclamation of these particular Hundreds until such resolutions are passed by the Council and assented to by the Superintendent.

If any pastoral tenant affected by the proclamation of a Hundred, with the knowledge of the circumstances, accepted compensation under the Waste Lands Act for the determination of his lease, he would no doubt be estopped from questioning the validity of the proclamation.

B. C. HAGGITT.

April 24, 1874.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

(Transmitted with Message No. 21, June 12, 1874.)

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.							
	Speaker	50	0	0			
	Chairman of Committees...	25	0	0			
	Clerk	25	0	0			
1	Expenses of Members	600	0	0	700	0	0
POLICE.							
	Commissioner	50	0	0			
	Inspectors, at £30 each	90	0	0			
3	Sub Do, at £25 each	50	0	0			
2	Clerk and Accountant	25	0	0			
1	Rent of Police Stations	300	0	0	515	0	0
TREASURY.							
1	Junior Clerk	10	0	0	10	0	0
HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.							
	Pier Master	265	0	0			
1	Night Watchman	8	0	0			
1	Harbour Master, Kakanui	25	0	0			
1	Do. Molyneux	25	0	0	323	0	0
1							
HOSPITAL.							
	Rations	250	0	0			
	Stores and Furniture	100	0	0			
	Bedding and Clothing	150	0	0	500	0	0
1	Wardsman				70	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS.							
	Messenger, Salary	20	0	0			
1	Kakanui Water Race Co.	400	0	0			
	Geological Survey	250	0	0			
	Oamaru Rocket Brigade	150	0	0			
	Bonus for Gold-Saving Apparatus	250	0	0			
	Athenæums and Public Libraries	500	0	0			
	Expenses of Witnesses, Switzers Enquiry	12	0	0			
	Prizes for Drainage Ploughs	150	0	0			
	Expenses of witnesses, Crown prosecutions	50	0	0			
	Premium on Guarantee Policies	20	0	0			
	Port Chalmers Athenæum	50	0	0			
	Volunteers, at £15 a head	3000	0	0	4852	0	0
PROVINCIAL ENGINEER							
	Assistant Engineer	350	0	0			
1	Rent of Quarters, Invercargill	40	0	0			
2	Cadets at £50 each	100	0	0	490	0	0
GAOL.							
	Bedding and Clothing	160	0	0	100	0	0
SURVEY DEPARTMENT.							
	Equipment of Parties and Wages	2600	0	0	2600	0	0
LAND OFFICE.							
	Government Auctioneers	750	0	0	750	0	0
ROADS.							
	Arrow to Macetown, via Big Hill	100	0	0			
	Arrow to Crown Terrace	250	0	0			
	Kyeburn to Naseby	50	0	0			
	Tinkers to Chatto Creek	30	0	0			
	Do. Bendigo Gully	60	0	0			
	Mataura Bridge to Toi Toi	50	0	0			
	Palmerston to Shag Point	500	0	0			
	Dalhousie to Waitahuna, Weather Creek Bridge	200	0	0			
Carried forward		1240	0	0	10910	0	0

ROADS—Continued		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	1240	0	0	10910	0	0
Havelock Lower Road	...	60	0	0			
Road to Railway Stations, Inch Clutha and Kaitangata	...	250	0	0			
Waipori to Lawrence, via Bungtown	...	250	0	0			
Port William to Halfmoon Bay and Paterson's Inlet	...	250	0	0			
Dunedin to North Taieri, via Half-way Bush	...	200	0	0			
Puerua Road	...	100	0	0			
Switzers to Nokomai, bridle-track	...	50	0	0			
Balclutha to Lawrence, via Mount Stewart	...	500	0	0			
Gibbstown to Coal Pits	...	50	0	0			
Upper Shotover to Maori Point, via Pleasant Creek	...	250	0	0			
Approaches to Arthur's Point Bridge	...	800	0	0			
Do. Beaumont Bridge	...	400	0	0			
Formation of Castle-street	...	700	0	0			
Main Road through Dunedin	...	100	0	0			
					5200	0	0
BRIDGES.							
Waitaki Bridge	...	2500	0	0			
Foot-bridge, Skipper's Point	...	150	0	0			
Do., Moke Creek	...	20	0	0			
Molyneux, at Roxburgh	...	2500	0	0			
Footbridge, Teviot Stream	...	100	0	0			
Otepiri and Upper Makarewa	...	200	0	0			
Inch Valley Bridge	...	100	0	0			
					5570		
WORKS.							
Provincial Council Hall Alterations	...	400	0	0			
Snow Poles, Upper Nevis to Gibbstown	...	75	0	0			
Otago Dock (working expenses and liabilities)	...	2500	0	0			
Alteration of Gauge, Invercargill Railways	...	3000	0	0			
Hospital	...	100	0	0			
Government Buildings, Queenstown	...	600	0	0			
Immigration Agent	...	700	0	0			
Oamaru Dock	...	2000	0	0			
					9375	0	0
					31,055	0	0
OUT OF LOAN, IF AUTHORISED BY ASSEMBLY.							
RAILWAYS.							
Main Line through Seaward Bush	...	20,000	0	0			
Main Line to Kaitangata, and Extension to Coal Point	...	27,750	0	0			
Main Line to Outram	...	12,000	0	0			
Tokomairiro Branch Railway	...	14,000	0	0			
Palmerston to Wayne's	...	25,000	0	0			
Edendale to Wyndham	...	10,500	0	0			
Kaitangata Station to Inch Clutha	...	9,500	0	0			
					118,750	0	0

Further Reports from the Private Petitions Committee.

(For Reports Nos. 1 to 13, see Appendix, pages 135 to 140.)

INTERIM REPORT NO. 14.—*In re* PETITION OF 119 INHABITANTS OF INVERCARGILL, *re* GUNN, BEER, AND CO.

(Brought up by Mr. Roberts, June 1, 1874.)

The Petitioners pray for favourable consideration of the case of Messrs Gunn, Beer, and Harvey, late contractors for the Jacob's River Bridge.

Your Committee having taken into consideration all the circumstances of the case, are of opinion that it is one purely for Executive action, and that there is nothing in the case revealed which would justify the Council in interfering with that action.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 1, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, NO. 15.—*In re* PETITION OF GOTTLIEB BEISSEL.

(Brought up by Mr. Green, June 3, 1874.)

The Petitioner prays for favourable consideration for having established a new industry, viz., the manufacture of glue.

Your Committee have considered this petition, but do not consider the industry one of such widespread importance and benefit to the Province as to justify them in recommending that a bonus should be granted to the petitioner.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 2, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, NO. 16.—*In re* PETITION OF JOHN WALKER.

(Brought up by Mr. H. Clark, June 5, 1874.)

The Petitioner prays for favourable consideration of the circumstances under which he retired from the Provincial Government service.

Your Committee find that the claim of the petitioner is founded on the following letter :—

“ 14701.—Memorandum for Messenger John Walker.

“ The Government has had under its consideration from time to time complaints of the manner in which you have performed your duties as messenger, and not desiring to deal hardly with you after your lengthened service, will allow you to retire, with six months pay as compensation for the loss of your office, on condition that you withdraw the charges you have preferred in the Resident Magistrate's Court against Mr. Cairns.

“ ALEXANDER WILLIS, Under Secretary.

“ December 24, 1873.”

That the action against Cairns having been allowed to lapse in the Resident Magistrate's Court, the terms of the letter were virtually complied with, and that the Government ought to at once settle the claim of the petitioner.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 5, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT, No. 17.—*In re* PETITION OF JOHN COWE ESTHER.

(*Brought up by Mr. H. Clark, June 5, 1874.*)

The Petitioner is a lighter proprietor, and sets forth losses sustained in consequence of the lighter "Rose" having struck on a broken pile, or beacon, in the Harbour, and prays for enquiry into the case, with a view to redress being granted.

Your Committee have enquired into the case of the petitioner, and received from the Harbour Master a report thereon, and are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim on the Government.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 5, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT, No. 18.—*In re* PETITION OF HORI KAREI TAIAROA.

(*Brought up Mr. H. Clark, June 5, 1874.*)

The Petitioner alleges that rent is due to him on account of the Native Reserve at Port Chalmers, and prays for enquiry into the matter.

Your Committee having considered this petition, and taken evidence thereon, are of opinion that one year's rent (£7) is due to the Natives, and ought to be paid through the Native Department.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 5, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT, No. 19.—*In re* PETITION OF GEORGE BAILEY.

(*Brought up by Mr. H. Clark, June 10, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays for redress for losses alleged to have been sustained by him as holder of a mortgage over a gold-mining claim at Acton's Flat, Switzer's, in consequence of the land upon which the claim was situated having been sold to one Allan Macdonald.

Your Committee, having taken into consideration this petition, and the evidence and report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the sale of fifty acres of auriferous land at Switzers, are of opinion that the petitioner has a claim for consideration, and would recommend that the Government be requested to remit this claim to be adjudicated upon in equity by the Warden of the District.

J. L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 10, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT, No. 20.—*In re* PETITION OF CHRISTOPHER REA.

(*Brought up Mr. H. Clark, June 10, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays for redress for losses alleged to have been sustained in consequence of the sale by the Waste Lands Board of his residence area, Wenden District, and forcible possession of said area having been made without compensation for improvement being first paid.

Your Committee having taken into consideration the petition, and the evidence and report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the sale of fifty acres of auriferous land at Switzers, are of opinion that the petitioner has a claim for consideration, and would recommend that the Government be requested to remit this claim to be adjudicated upon in equity by the Warden of the District.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 10, 1874.

 INTERIM REPORT, No. 21.—*In re* PETITION OF MARY BUTHERFORD (WIDOW).

(*Brought up by Mr. H. Clark, June 10, 1874.*)

The Petitioner sets forth in her petition the circumstances under which her late husband lost his life, and prays for favorable consideration of her case.

Your Committee having taken into consideration this petition are fully impressed with the fact that the awkward character of the bridge at Manuka Creek may render the liability to accidents of a similar character to that by which the petitioner's husband lost his life, great, but cannot agree that on that account there is any ground for claiming compensation. Your Committee are of opinion that in similar cases to the petitioner's, the Executive alone are in a position to deal competently with them in giving assistance or relief.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 10, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 22.—*In re* PETITION OF GEORGE HEPBURN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HALF-WAY BUSH ROAD BOARD.

(*Brought up by Mr. H. Clark, June 10, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays that any action in reference to constituting the Wakari sub-division of the Half-way-Bush Road District an independent district, be postponed.

Your Committee have considered this petition, and recommend that the Government, before taking any steps to alter the boundaries of the Wakari sub-division of the Half-way-Bush Road District, should hear the Road Boards of the Districts affected by such proposed alterations.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 10, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 23.—*In re* PETITION OF GEORGE HEPBURN AND OTHERS, MEMBERS OF HALF-WAY-BUSH DISTRICT ROAD BOARD.

(*Brought up by Mr. H. Clark, June 11, 1874.*)

The Petitioners pray that steps may be taken to secure to the inhabitants of said district the benefit contemplated by the Council in voting the sum of £500 for the opening up of the Water of Leith Road.

Your Committee find that certain arrangements have been entered into between the Government and Mr E. M'Glashan in regard to the roads referred to by the petitioners, and are of opinion that the whole matter rests in the hands of the Government to fulfil in equity the agreements entered into.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 11, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 24.—*In re* Petition of HENRY HOWARTH.

(*Brought up by Mr. Green, June 12, 1874.*)

This Petition sets forth that Henry Orbell and Thomas Cotton claim to be entitled to a certificate of title for certain lands, alleged to have been purchased from the New Zealand Company.

Your Committee, having made some inquiries into the matter, are of opinion that the petition is one that should be dealt with by the General Government, it being, in the opinion of your Committee, a matter beyond the functions of the Provincial Council to enter into.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Dunedin, July 12, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 25.—*In re* PETITION OF JOHN CHARLES M'GREGOR.

(*Brought up by Mr. Green, June 12, 1874.*)

The Petitioner prays for enquiry into the circumstances of his dismissal from the Provincial Government service, with a view to redress being granted.

Your Committee having investigated into the circumstances attending the petitioners dismissal, are of opinion that, from the evidence submitted to them, the discipline necessary to maintain the efficiency of the Government service justified the action taken, and that therefore the petitioner has no claim for consideration.

Dunedin, June 12, 1874.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

FINAL REPORT.

(Brought up by Mr. Green, June 12, 1874.)

Your Committee in bringing up their final report have to state that the work of the Committee during this Session has been very laborious, having had to deal with twenty-seven petitions.

It affords your Committee considerable satisfaction to find that the Government so fully concur with the finding and recommendations of your Committee as to obviate the necessity of making any special motions in regard to their recommendations.

Your Committee now pray to be discharged.

Dunedin, June 12, 1874.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

REPORT FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

(Brought up by Mr. Wood, June 10, 1874.)

Your Committee have to report that their attention has been drawn to the dangerous state of the Provincial Council Hall ceiling, and to recommend that the Council request the Government, together with Mr. Speaker, to have such alterations and improvements as may be found necessary carried out during the recess; and that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sufficient sum may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purposes contemplated.

Dunedin, June 10, 1874.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Chairman.

Further Reports from Waste Lands and Immigration Committee.

(For Reports Nos. 1 to 6, see Appendix, pages 189 to 195.)

INTERIM REPORT No. 7.—*In re* PETITION OF ROXBURGH LAND COMMITTEE.

(Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown, June 8, 1874.)

This Petition prays for the opening of a Block of land on Henderson's Run, Miller's Flat, for settlement under the deferred payment system.

Your Committee have carefully considered this Petition, and have to report that the evidence of eight known practical men being so completely contradictory to that of Warden Simpson, in regard to the two blocks of land on Henderson's Run, Mount Benger, the Committee are of opinion that, if the arrangements regarding these blocks have not been completed, the Government should not do so until the matter is more fully investigated. The evidence referred to is as follows:—

"We, the undersigned, having carefully gone over the two blocks of land recently surveyed on Henderson's Run, Miller's Flat, hereby declare that, after particular examination, we find the block surveyed into sections for agricultural settlement is not fit for that purpose, and embraces scarcely any land of an agricultural character, but consists (with the exception of about 200 acres) of land of a shingly and rocky nature, and having scarcely any supply of water, the small supply there is being of a brackish nature.

"That the other block surveyed for the Runholder is of a far better class of land, comprises a large extent well adapted for settlement, well watered by the Timer Creek and its tributaries, and, if opened, would be immediately taken up and occupied.

(Signed George F. M'Kay
David Cormack
James Beighton
Robert M'Leod

Samuel Grogan
Jerome Hushion
John Sillars
William Homer."

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 8, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT No. 8.—*In re* ORDER OF REFERENCE No. 3, AS TO COSTS OF SURVEY.

(Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown, June 11, 1874.)

[ORDER OF REFERENCE.—*Ordered*—That the Waste Lands and Immigration Committee be instructed to inquire into the costs of survey to applicants for land, from 1st May, 1872 to 31st March, 1874.—*Hon. Dr. Menzies*, 2nd June, 1874.]

Your Committee having considered the above remit to them, have now to report the following resolution on the same, viz:—

"The Committee, having the Return before them asked for by the hon. member for the Mataura, showing the fees charged on land applications from 1st May, 1872, to 1st May, 1874, which appear to be grossly unjust upon the holders of small areas, are of opinion that the old system, now reintroduced throughout the Goldfields, of Government surveyors, should be reverted to in every district of the Province as soon as possible, as suggested by the Government. The Committee are further of opinion that the charges under the Government regulations require considerable modification, and would suggest an enquiry into the subject."

J. C. BROWN, Chairman

Dunedin, June 11, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 9.—IMMIGRATION.

(Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown. June 15, 1874.)

Your Committee, having considered the subject of Immigration, are of opinion that the haphazard

manner in which the same has been conducted to this Province under the Colonial scheme of Immigration is eminently unsatisfactory, and would suggest that the system of paying agents a sum per head should be discontinued, as tending to lower the quality of the immigrants.

Your Committee would recommend that in future a smaller proportion of children, and no infirm persons, should be sent out.

Your Committee are of opinion that if the Immigrants were selected more from the country districts, and less from towns, they would be better adapted to our requirements, and, seeing that a large number of nominations are being made by residents here, the number of agents employed in Britain by the Colonial Government might be reduced, and the management of the Immigration to the Province deputed to the Provincial agent.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would also draw the attention of the Government to the advisability of providing temporary employment for Immigrants when large numbers arrive simultaneously during the slack season of the year.

Dunedin, June 15, 1874.]

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

FINAL REPORT.

(Brought up by Mr. J. C. Brown, June 15, 1874.)

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the various Petitions and matters referred to them, and reported thereon from time to time. Your Committee now ask to be discharged.

Dunedin, June 15, 1874.

J. C. BROWN, Chairman.

PETITION OF J. KIRKTON AND PARTY.

(EVIDENCE TAKEN BY GOLD FIELDS COMMITTEE.)

REFERRED TO IN INTERIM REPORT No. 6 (See *Appendix*, page 197.)

Mr. T. DANIELS, M.P.C., attended, and stated as follows:—

I am aware that a reward of £1000 was offered in 1869 for the discovery of a payable gold field in the Province of Southland, conditionally upon its yielding 8000 ounces of gold within six months from the date of the reward offered by the Provincial Council. Kirkton and party struck payable gold in 1866, on a run of Mr. Hirst's, at the present diggings of Orepuki. They made it known to every one in Riverton. On the 7th March, 1866, the Commissioner of Police was sent to inspect and report on that gold field. He found Kirkton and party (four of them), and about sixty others, working in the several beds of the creeks, with cradles. He went to the prospectors, who showed him their prospects, from 1 to 4 grains to the shovel. He wished to see the amount of gold they had got. They told him that they were making from £10 to £12 per week per man. Immediately after this some of the West Coast diggers came and began to bring in water for the purpose of ground-slucing. This was in July, 1866. Kirkton and Co. applied for a prospecting claim, but could not obtain it, it not being a proclaimed gold field. On the 4th of September, same year, Mr. Henry Rogers was appointed a gold fields Warden. On October 15th, same year, his first Report showed that a prospecting claim had been applied for, and granted by him to another party—not Kirkton and Co. On 30th October, 1866, Mr. Rogers reported 180 miners at work, and yield of gold, for last two weeks, 300 ounces each week. He granted four new prospecting claims, averaging about £1 or £1 10s per day; miner's wages 14s per day, and scarce. Shand's party of three men got 200 ounces for six months work, and another party got 200 ounces for five months work. On 15th January, 1866, Mr. Rogers again reported 120 miners at work; 20 to 30 had gone prospecting over the Waiau, westward, the rest of the miners being engaged cutting tail races; average earnings, he says, £3 to £10 per week per man; 11 water races registered, average two miles in length; men employed on the gold field, 180. I hand in a written statement. At the present time, the same party are working in the same place, and have been earning about £12 per man per week for the last three years.

The resolution of the Council offering £1000 was in 1869; £1000 in 1864; and £200 in 1867. There were no conditions in 1864. In 1867, the conditions were, that "£200 will be given to the person or persons who shall discover such a gold prospect in the Province as shall, in the opinion of the Wardens, have been the cause of the issue of two hundred miners' licenses, within nine months of the publication of discovery." Kirkton and Co. did not apply in 1867; although in 1866 they discovered the gold field. I cannot say that 200 licenses were issued.

Further Reports from the Goldfields Committee.

(For Reports Nos. 1 to 7, see Appendix, pages 196 and 197.)

INTERIM REPORT No. 8.—*In re* PETITION OF 198 MINERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN THE GOLD FIELDS.

(Brought up by Mr. Bastings, June 8, 1874.)

The Petitioners pray for protection in the matter of the Maerewhenua Water case.

Your Committee have carefully considered the prayer of this petition, and have now to recommend—

- (1.) That the Executive should, as indicated by the Provincial Secretary in Council, get a case stated for the consideration of the Appeal Court with a view to save the expenses attendant upon protracted litigation.
- (2.) That failing their being successful in so doing, the Executive should take steps to defend the action on behalf of Howe and party.
- (3.) That under any circumstances the whole question should be brought under the notice of the Colonial Government, with a view to the hardship complained of being removed, not only from the present petitioners, but to prevent similar cases arising in future.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 8, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT No. 9.—*In re* PETITION OF 42 RESIDENTS IN THE CARDRONA AND WANAKA DISTRICTS.

(Brought up by Mr. Bastings, June 8, 1874.)

The Petitioners pray that a dray road may be formed between Cardrona and Arrow Flat.

The Committee have considered this petition, and resolved to refer the same to the Government for their consideration.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 8, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 10.—*In re* PETITION OF STEPHEN READ, OF TINKERS.

(Brought up by Mr. Bastings, June 9, 1874.)

The Petitioner prays to be protected in his property, leased from Government, from the threatened action of Mr Glassford, the freeholder of land situate below petitioners leased land on Hanson's Creek.

Your Committee having considered this petition, have to report similarly to that on the Maerewhenua case (Howe and party) reported yesterday (No. 8) in the event of the runholder, Mr Glassford, obtaining an injunction from the Supreme Court to prevent Stephen Read working his claim.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 9, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 11.—*In re* HIS HONOR'S MESSAGE No. 2, ENCLOSED COPY OF THE BILL TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO THE GOLD FIELDS.

(Brought up by Mr. Bastings, June 9, 1874.)

Your Committee has considered His Honor's Message, No. 2, in reference to the Gold Mining Bill prepared to be brought before the House of Representatives at its next Session, and it has to report:—

- (1st.) That in its opinion there is not that pressing requirement for legislation which makes it necessary to deal with the subject during the ensuing Session, except on the special subject of Water Rights, mentioned in Report No. 12.
- (2nd.) Your Committee does not find itself in a position to express an exhaustive opinion on the Bill in its present shape, as a copy of the proposed Bill has not been circulated on the Gold Fields before the meeting of the Provincial Council as was promised, and recommended should be done, and there is therefore no general knowledge of its provisions amongst those most deeply interested in the subject.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 9, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 12.—*In re* QUESTION OF WATER RIGHTS.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, June 9, 1874.*)

[ORDER OF REFERENCE.—*Ordered*—That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Gold Fields Committee take into consideration the advisability of a recommendation being forwarded to the General Government to the effect—That it is desirable that a Commission should be appointed to enquire into the whole question of water rights in New Zealand, more especially on the Gold Fields of the said Colony, and that they be requested to report to this Council thereon within ten days.”—*Mr. de Lautour, May 15.*]

Your Committee have considered this question, and have to recommend that a Commission be appointed to enquire into the whole question of Water Rights in New Zealand, more especially on the Gold Fields of the said Colony.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 9, 1874.

INTERIM REPORT, No. 18.—*In re* REPORTS OF GOLD FIELDS DELEGATION AND MINING CONFERENCES.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, June 9, 1874.*)

[ORDER OF REFERENCE.—*Ordered*—That the Gold Fields Committee be requested to consider, in conjunction with the Gold Fields Bill, subject to His Honor’s Message No. 2: The Report of the Gold Fields Delegation, 1871: The Report of the Miners’ Conference held at Tuapeka in 1872: and the Report of the Miners’ Conference held at Clyde in 1874: and to embody the result of their considerations in their Report.—*Mr. R. Clarke, May 20.*]

Your Committee have considered this Order of Reference, and consider it advisable that copies of the Reports of the Mining Delegates of 1871, and the Mining Conferences of 1872 and 1874 be forwarded to the Colonial Government for its consideration *in re* Gold Fields Bill.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 9, 1874.

FINAL REPORT.

(*Brought up by Mr. Bastings, June 9, 1874.*)

Your Committee have now to report that they have carefully considered and dealt with the various Petitions and matters referred to them, and from time to time reported on same. Your Committee therefore now request that they may be discharged.

HORACE BASTINGS, Chairman.

Dunedin, June 9, 1874.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE HOME AGENT.

(LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, APRIL 29, 1874.)

I. His Honor the Superintendent to the Home Agent.

(1.)

[TELEGRAM.]

Dunedin, 8th July, 1873.

Auld, Otago Office, Edinburgh.

Immigration "Fleming." Your action approved. Continue same terms. Act independently.
Province will pay if necessary.

MACANDREW.

(2.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 4th August, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward herewith, and recommend to your consideration, the enclosed letter addressed to His Honor the Superintendent by a Mr. John Mackenzie, manager of the meat-preserving works at Oamaru, on the subject of assisted Emigration from Scotland to this Province.

I have, &c.,

J. T. BOYD, Deputy Superintendent.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(3.)

[TELEGRAM.]

Dunedin, 27th September, 1873.

Auld, Otago Office, Edinburgh.

Colonial Government has directed Agent-General by mail to hand you fifteen thousand pounds to pay for rails.

MACANDREW.

(4.)

Wellington, 27th September, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that the General Government has directed the Agent-General in London to pay to you the sum of fifteen thousand pounds to be applied towards payment of rails for Awamoko Railway.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(5.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin 2nd October, 1873.

SIR,—Your letters of 10th and 30th July have been received, and contents thereof duly noted. The estimated balance in favor of the agency at the latter date is, I observe, £83 10s 2d—a remittance to meet current liabilities will be sent by next mail.

I addressed you from Wellington on 27th ultimo, both by cable and by mail, in reply to your cable-

gram of 3rd September, informing you that the Agent-General had been directed to hand to you the sum of fifteen thousand pounds to enable you to pay for rails and freight on account of the Awamoko Railway.

I have this day requested you by cable to obtain another shipment of salmon ova, to be shipped in one of the smartest of Messrs. Patrick Henderson, and Co.'s clippers; said ova to be shipped at Glasgow for Bluff Harbor direct, together with as many immigrants as can be had for the same port.

Mr. Frank Buckland has, I understand, expressed his willingness personally to supervise a shipment at Glasgow, and from his well-known enthusiasm in the matter he will no doubt go into it *con amore*. We have all the appliances for hatching at the Southland ponds, which are under the care of an experienced hand, who will give full effect as respects the treatment of the ova to whatever directions Mr Buckland may send.

You will have gathered from my cablegram that, unless the shipment can be made from the Clyde, it is not to be undertaken. The object in making this a *sine qua non* is, that as a rule the Glasgow ships make the passage in a shorter time than those from London, and the success of the experiment depends upon the length of the voyage being shortened.

I trust that ere this reaches you the necessary arrangements will have been completed, and that the shipment will be more successful than any that has preceded it.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(6.)

[TELEGRAM.]

Auld, Otago Office, Edinburgh.

Arrange shipment of salmon ova from Glasgow, provided you can get Buckland to supervise shipment there.

Forwarded 2nd October, 1873.

J. MACANDREW.

(7.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 23rd October, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to direct your attention to the provisions of the Immigrants Land Act, 1873, three copies of which have been forwarded to you from Wellington.

You will perceive that subject to the conditions embodied in the Act, each immigrant who pays his or her own passage to the Colony will be entitled to land to the value of £20 in any Province of New Zealand in which the immigrant may elect to settle. In this Province £20 will, as a rule, acquire twenty acres of land. I trust that the effect of this Act will be to induce a large number to our shores of immigrants who will pay their own passage.

John Auld, Esq., W.S. Edinburgh.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

(8.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 29th October, 1873.

SIR,—This will introduce to you Mr. Hallenstein, a member of the extensive firm of Messrs. Hallenstein and Co., of this Province, and of Melbourne. The firm proposes entering upon extensive manufacturing operations here, and Mr. Hallenstein proceeds to England for the purpose of engaging work people. Should he apply to you for assisted passages for said work people, please to provide the same upon the terms and conditions which may be in force at the time.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(9.)

[TELEGRAM.]

Auld, Otago Office, Edinburgh.

Add one-eighth to each separate article in shipment Railway Plant; two thousand by mail.

MACANDREW.

(10.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 30th October, 1873.

SIR.—Referring to my letter of the 23rd instant, I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of date as per margin (4th September, 1873).

By next mail I hope to receive advice of the shipment of plant for the Awamoko Railway. I omitted to request that in effecting insurances on this shipment, you would be good enough to give the preference to either of the two New Zealand Marine Insurance Companies which have offices in London, provided the rate of premium is as low as that charged in British offices; please to keep this in view in the case of subsequent shipments.

I am glad to observe that the position of the agency, as defined in mine of the 11th June last is deemed "satisfactory, and that you have no fear at all of working in harmony with the Agent-General. I infer from this that the latter is finding the supplies to pay for the Clyde contract, and that the passage rates are the same as those charged by the Agent-General from London.

He will no doubt have apprised you ere now that he has been instructed to send out with all speed 20,000 people; to grant free passages, and to charter two steamers—viz., one for Otago and another for Canterbury. I presume he will be glad to avail himself of the Otago Agency, and of your arrangements with Messrs. Patrick Henderson and Co. in the fulfilment of those instructions.

As regards absolutely free passages, I am disposed to fear that the tendency will be to pauperise the emigrants, so to speak; to blunt, if not to destroy, that feeling of independence which it is so desirable to cherish. The exigency of the case, however, and the absolute necessity which exists for an accession of labor, renders it imperative that no stone should be left unturned. As it is I hope that the advantage of free grants of land, as referred to in my last, may lead to a goodly number paying their own passage, and that many more will rather pay the small sum required of them than take advantage of the free system.

Referring to previous correspondence with respect to the landing of immigrants at the Bluff Harbor direct, I have now to call your special attention to the urgent necessity of arranging for this. The representations which are being sent to me from the Southland District of the Province go to show that there is an absolute lack of labor, the result of which is disastrous to the district.

I am aware that unless there is a full cargo for the Port in question, shipowners are averse to calling there. I cannot see, however, that there is much good ground for this objection; no great delay need be involved in landing immigrants at the Bluff, and proceeding to Port Chalmers to discharge cargo, and the cost of any delay, such as it might be, would probably be covered by the saving effected from getting rid of the immigrants so much sooner than if landed at Port Chalmers. As it is, however, you are authorised, if necessary, to allow an extra rate in respect of immigrants landed at Bluff Harbor.

I have now to inform you that Mr James Adam, who was formerly sent home to aid you in obtaining and selecting immigrants, has again been engaged with a like view, and will proceed by the first vessel direct.

Mr Adam's engagement is for two years, at a salary of five hundred pounds a-year, to commence from the date of his arrival in England, at which rate you will please to pay him, together with such travelling allowance as you may deem necessary. Mr Adam will of course report himself to you, and act under your instructions.

He is fully cognisant of the kind of labor most required in the Province, and will be able to afford valuable information as to the inducements which the Province holds forth to capitalists, working farmers, and skilled workmen. It is to be understood that Mr Adam's operations are not to be confined to Scotland alone, but they are to be extended to such localities in England and Ireland as may be most likely to yield able-bodied industrious men and women. I hope that, with Mr Adam's assistance, you may be able to send us thousands of people of this class. The Province can for years to come absorb more than it is likely to receive, and the price of hired labor is such that any man, if frugal and sober, may, in the course of a few years, acquire the means of beneficially occupying land of his own.

I have this day telegraphed by cable as follows:—"Add one-eighth to each separate article in shipment of Railway plant—£2,000 sent by this mail." Should this not have been complied with ere this reaches, please, instead of one-eighth, send the exact quantity specified in the enclosed list of plant.

Draft for £2,000 enclosed herewith, which I presume will cover the amount.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

P.S.—Enclosed find list of books required for Tokomairiro Athenæum, which be good enough to furnish.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(11.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 14th November, 1873.

SIR,—I enclose herewith particulars of light locomotive, to be constructed under the direction of R. F. Fairlie, Esq., Palace Chambers, Westminster, in accordance with his system of Double Bogie.

The rolling stock and locomotives of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway were constructed under the direction of Mr Fairlie and have given the greatest satisfaction.

You will be good enough to point out to Mr. Fairlie that the locomotive now ordered is intended for one of our light branch railways, and if it turns out as I expect it, it will no doubt be the forerunner of a great many more of the same sort, the order for which will be deferred until that now in question comes to hand.

As the line for which this engine is required will be ready for traffic almost immediately after arrival of the rails now in course of shipment, I trust that Mr. Fairlie will lose no time in the matter. As soon as you ascertain the probable cost, you will please cable the amount, and the same will be remitted forthwith.

I have, &c.,

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

(12.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 27th November, 1873.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 30th ultimo, I have now the honor to forward second of exchange for two thousand pounds (£2,000) for additional railway plant.

I have, &c.,

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

(13.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 27th November, 1873.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd October with enclosures, and advising that you have arranged with the Darlington Iron Company for the shipment of railway plant. I presume the additional quantity ordered by cable on 30th October, will be supplied from the same works, and at or under the same rate. I trust that the shipment will be kept up to time, as the railway works concerned will be standing still until the arrival of rails, &c.

Enclosed you will find tracings and full particulars, to enable you to order eighty sets of wheels and axles complete; also, 24 spare steel tyres, which, please to ship as early as possible.

I have, &c.,

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

(14.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 27th November, 1873.

SIR,—By the present mail you will receive 1000 copies of an address by the Rev. Dr. Begg, of Edinburgh, the circulation of which is, I think, likely to influence emigration to Otago. You will also receive a number of copies of the monthly summary of the *Otago Guardian*, containing valuable statistical information, the state of the labor market, and other particulars, which cannot fail to be interesting to intending emigrants. I have to request that you will be good enough to cause these papers to be forwarded by post to the various reading rooms and Mechanics' Institutes in the rural districts, or circulate them in such other way as may seem to you to be most likely to be beneficial. It might be well to retain a few to be made use of by Mr. Adam on his arrival home. I am inclined to think that it would be very advantageous to send a monthly summary, embodying the kind of information contained in the *Guardian* to-day, by every

mail for general circulation. If you will furnish the names and addresses of the most suitable parties throughout the United Kingdom to whom they should be forwarded, they can be posted from here direct. The expenditure hitherto incurred in advertising might be to some extent modified, and I think rendered more productive by adopting the course now proposed. There is now so much competition for immigrants on behalf of the various Colonies, that we cannot circulate reliable information as to the resources and requirements of Otago too largely.

As it is very desirable to preserve all records and documents relating to the original settlement of Otago, and all correspondence bearing upon the subject, which took place between the Association and the New Zealand Company, I shall be glad if you would communicate with Messrs. Robt. and Chas. Few, Solicitors, 2, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, London, in whose custody, I understand, are all the New Zealand Company's papers, with a view to those connected with Otago being handed over to the Province. I presume there can be no objection to this, as these papers are of little interest now outside the Province.

Enclosed I forward a letter, received from Mr. Murdoch M'Rae, of Mavora, who proceeds home by this mail, and who seems to think that he can influence a large number of suitable immigrants from Ross Shire. Should you deem it expedient to avail yourself of his information, you will no doubt do so, exercising your own discretion as to any outlay which may be thereby involved, and which cannot exceed a few pounds at the most.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(15.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 18th February, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated as per margin (30th October, 13th November, and 25th December, 1873), with their enclosures. It is to be regretted that the attempt to procure and send salmon ova has failed for this season, but I am quite satisfied that everything that could be done has been done by you.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(16.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 4th March, 1874.

SIR,—Mr. W. G. Mackay, referred to in the enclosed note, has been requested to call on you. You will observe that he is desirous during his stay at home to be of service to the Province, which he is willing to do without fee or reward.

I shall be glad if Mr. Mackay's efforts to induce immigrants of the right class to come here can be of any service to you.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(17.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 10th March, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose order for a telescope, to be procured from Mr. John Browning, 63, Strand, W.C.; or, 111, Minories, London, which please forward per first ship to this port.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(18.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 18th March, 1874.

SIR,—This will introduce to you Mr. James Mills, M.P.C., one of our most enterprising and extensive steamship owners, who proceeds to the mother-country with a view of adding to our steam fleet. I shall be glad if the vessels which may be sent out by Mr. Mills are filled up with suitable emigrants, and have no doubt but you will do your best to encourage colonial enterprise in this respect.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

John Auld, Esq., Otago Office, Edinburgh.

(19.)

[TELEGRAM.]

Auld, Otago Office, Edinburgh.

Agent-General directed to pay you two thousand eight hundred and forty pounds. Ship locomotive without delay.

J. MACANDREW.

(20.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 7th April, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Honorable Robert Campbell with reference to the passage to this Province of a forester and his family, and to request that they may be sent out on the usual terms.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

(21.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 14th April, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received from Mr. Edmund Smith, Treasurer to the Presbyterian Church of Otago, with reference to the expenses to the Colony of a gentleman to be engaged to fill the theological chair here, and to request that you will be good enough to make the necessary advances, which will be either repaid here to the Provincial Treasury, or by your draft on the Treasurer to the Synod, as the case may be.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

John Auld, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh.

II.—*The Home Agent to His Honor the Superintendent.*

(1.)

Per ship "James Nicol Fleming."

Greenock, 18th April, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform your Honor that the ship "James Nicol Fleming" is expected to clear off this port to-day, with 108½ adults, assisted passengers, on board, of whom I have the honor to enclose a list.

I also send, under separate cover, the schedules and certificates of the emigrants.

I have asked Captain Logan to appoint a matron on board the ship, to whom, as well as to the Captain for a policeman, I have granted the usual orders, for £5 and £3 respectively.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin.

(2.)

Per ship "Peter Denny."

Greenock, 13th June, 1873.

SIR.—I have the honor to inform your Honor that the ship "Peter Denny" is expected to clear off this port to-day, with 253 adults, assisted and guaranteed passengers, on board, of whom I have the honor to enclose a list.

I also send herewith, under separate cover, the schedules and certificates of the assisted passengers, those of the guaranteed passengers having been retained for examination of the Agent-General, at his request. Captain Adams will appoint matron on board "Peter Denny," to whom, as well as to the Captain for a policeman, I have granted the usual orders for £5 and £3 respectively.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD,

Per GEO. ANDREWS.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.

(3.)

Edinburgh, 10th July, 1873.

SIR.—I had the honor to address you last on the 14th May, and I have since received your Honor's letters of 17th and 21st March, the former enclosing copy of your Honor's letter to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the subject of steam communication, and the latter reporting that the emigration barracks at Stewart's Island will be soon ready for occupation; also, your Honor's letters of 4th April, enclosing requisition of articles required for the Lands and Survey Department; of the 7th April, enclosing 1st of exchange for £4,000, to meet the general purposes of the agency; of the 12th April, containing 2nd of exchange, and of 16th April, containing requisition of articles required for the use of the Education Department. I may mention that your Honor's letter of the 12th April, containing 2nd of exchange, arrived, via San Francisco, a week sooner than the 1st April, enclosing 1st of exchange.

I have the honor to state that the articles required for the Lands and Survey Department, as also for the Education Department, have been ordered. The former will be sent from London by Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co's first ship, and the latter will be sent from Glasgow as soon as possible.

On the subject of steam communication, I have had letters both from the Agent-General and from Mr. E. B. Cargill, and have also had a conversation on the subject with the latter, who sails from Glasgow by the Otago on the 16th instant. The Agent-General informs me that he had seen Mr. Cargill, and made certain enquiries on the subject, which he states he has had continually in his mind, and has done his utmost to promote. Six months ago he offered to Messrs. Bright, Bros. and Co. to guarantee them 450 emigrants for the "Great Britain," at £15 per adult to Otago, and to give them as much railway freight as they could take, but after going carefully into the pecuniary part of the question, they came to the conclusion that it would entail a serious loss upon them. This prevented the Agent-General from making a trial, which if it had been moderately successful would, he thinks, have resulted in a continuance of that mode of conveyance. But now he is of opinion, from the very great increase in the price of coal and iron, and in the rate of wages, which is likely to continue for some time, he sees no prospect of carrying the project soon into effect, and Mr. Cargill appears to concur entirely in that view. The Agent-General has, I understand, written on the subject to the Colonial Government.

I have the honor to enclose herein copy invoice and 1st of bill of lading of books for Public Libraries, which were forwarded by the "Peter Denny," from Glasgow, on 12th June, and list, and bills of exchange of passengers by that ship; as, also, particulars of wagon mountings, furnished by the Ashbury Railway Carriage Company (Limited), which have been shipped on board the "Otago," which, as already stated, is fixed to sail from Glasgow on 16th instant. By that ship—the "Otago"—I expect about 150 adults, assisted passengers, will proceed.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand.

(4.)

Per the ship "Otago."

Greenock, 16th July, 1873.

SIR.—I have the honor to inform your Honor that the ship "Otago" is expected to clear off this port to-day, with 118½ adults, assisted and guaranteed emigrants on board, of whom I have the honor to enclose a list. I also send, under separate cover, the schedules and certificates of the assisted emigrants.

I have appointed matron on board the ship "Otago," and have granted an order on the Provincial Treasurer for £5, payable to the agents, in Dunedin, of Messrs. P. Henderson and Co. I have also granted an order for £3 to the Captain for a policeman.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD,

Per GEO. ANDREWS.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand.

(5.)

Edinburgh, 30th July, 1873.

SIR,—I wrote your Honor on the 10th instant, and since that date—on 17th instant—I received your Honor's two letters, dated 2nd and 3rd May respectively, the former enclosing a list of books, &c., required for the use of the Education Department, and the latter a list of seeds required by the Curator of the Dunedin Botanical Gardens. The books have been ordered from Messrs. Bell and Bradfute, and the seeds from Messrs. Veitch and Son, who say, in acknowledging receipt of the order: "We propose to make up occasionally packets of a suitable size to go by post as we may be in a position to send them, as, some seeds ripening and arriving in England before others, we could not well send them altogether, as the earlier ones may be damaged by the time the later ones arrived."

I had also the honor, on 17th instant, to receive your Honor's telegram, dated from Auckland on 16th, approving of my action with reference to assisted emigration. This, I need not say, is very gratifying to me; but I am glad to say that, notwithstanding my having declined to acquiesce in the Agent-General's terms in regard to assisted passages, he has agreed to pay, and has actually paid, the expenses incurred by me in the case of the "James Nicol Fleming," and no doubt will continue to do so in the case of future ships.

I have the honor to enclose herein my account for the Agency from 31st March to 30th June last, together with the vouchers not required by the Agent-General, shewing a balance due to the Agency of £3265 8s. 7d., which on examination, I hope, will be found correct.

In addition to the above balance of	£3265	3	7
There will fall due during the current quarter—			
For wagon mountings	730	0	0
For books and school appliances	292	3	4
Messrs. Chance Bros., for glasses	15	0	0
Office expenses, including salaries	200	0	0
And in addition, the orders for books and seeds above referred to, but of which I have no estimate, but say	600	0	0
Making in all		5102	6 11
To account of which I have received since the close of the account, amount of your Honor's last draft, which fell due on 14th instant	4000	0	0
And balance due by Agent-General for emigration to 30th June	1185	17	1
		5185	17 1
Shewing an apparent surplus of		£83	10 2

The account for the before-mentioned balance of £1185 17s. 1d., being for my intrusions for emigration from the date of my last settlement with the Agent-General (30th September, 1872) to 30th June last, was made out and rendered to him, on the principle originally agreed on with him, that he should pay one-half of the general expenses of the office, including salaries; and I have the honor to enclose a copy of that account.

With regard to the half passage money payable in the Province, in accordance with my arrangement with Messrs. Henderson and Co., I have hitherto granted orders for it on the Provincial Treasurer. These will, of course, as regards the past, require to be adjusted with the General Government; but I do not doubt that I shall be able in future to make an arrangement with the Agent-General whereby he will provide for these payments also.

The ship "Otago" sailed from Glasgow on 15th instant, and I have the honor to enclose herein a list of passengers, and the bills, first of exchange, granted by them. I also enclose copy invoice and first of bill of lading for books and school appliances forwarded by Messrs. Bell and Bradfute by the "Otago."

The ship "Jessie Readman" is fixed to sail from Glasgow on 26th proximo.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago,
Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand.

(6.)

Greenock, 27th August, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform your Honor that the ship "Jessie Readman" is expected to clear off this port to-day with 161½ adults, assisted and guaranteed passengers, on board, of whom I have the honor to enclose a list.

I also send herewith, under separate cover, the schedules and certificates of the assisted passengers.

Mrs. Margaret Jessamine has been appointed Matron on board the "Jessie Readman," to whom, as well as to the Captain (for a policeman), I have granted the usual orders for £5 and £3 respectively.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago,
Dunedin.

(7.)

[TELEGRAM.]

To Superintendent, Dunedin, N.Z., via Melbourne.

Rails and freight will cost about fifteen thousand pounds. Please remit.

AULD.

Edinburgh, September 3, 1873.

(8.)

Edinburgh, 4th September, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, on 14th ultimo—(1) Of your Honor's letter of 4th June last, enclosing list of drugs for the Dunedin Hospital and Lunatic Asylum, which have been ordered; (2) of your letter of 7th June, with list of seeds of shrubs and medical plants required for the Botanical Gardens, and, as directed, I have communicated with Mr. Waterer on the subject, and have no doubt the order will be attended to by him; and (3) of your Honor's two letters of 11th June.

One of the last-mentioned letters enclosed particulars of rails and fastenings required for the Awamoko Railway, 969 tons in all. On this subject I deemed it right to consult Mr. Blyth, Civil Engineer, who strongly recommended me to advertise for tenders, which I accordingly did. I have, as yet, received very few, but I have been able to judge from those that have been received that the cost, exclusive of freight, will be upwards of £13,000; and from the enquiries which I have made on the subject of freight, I fear that the charge will be very considerable. I accordingly, to save time, telegraphed to your Honor yesterday, that the whole expense, including freight, would be about £15,000, and I requested your Honor to remit to me funds to enable me to meet the expense, as the terms of the contract must be payment in cash on completion of the work. I trust I shall be able to get the order executed within the sum mentioned; but I am sorry to say that iron has again lately risen in price. I have, as yet, made no arrangement for the transmission of the rails, &c., but I shall give your Honor due notice of this.

I have written to the Agent-General for information as to the arrangements made by him for the carriage of railway material, but have not yet heard from him.

What is stated by your Honor regarding the position of this Agency is quite satisfactory, and I have no fear at all of working in harmony with the Agent-General on the subject of emigration. I shall be happy to co-operate with him for sending out working shoemakers or coal miners, but Mr. Seaton's services are no longer of avail, as he has left this country.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin.

(9.)

Greenock, 27th September, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform your Honor that the ship "City of Dunedin" is expected to clear off this port to-day with 115½ adults, assisted and guaranteed passengers, on board, of whom I have the honor to enclose a list.

I also send herewith, under separate cover, the schedules and certificates of the assisted passengers.

Captain Ross will appoint a Matron on board the "City of Dunedin," to whom, as well as to the Captain, for a policeman, I have granted the usual orders for £5 and £3 respectively.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD,

Per GEO. ANDREWS.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin.

(10.)

Edinburgh, 2nd October, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Honor's letter of 8th July, and with reference to what is therein stated, your Honor will ere this time be aware that my relations with the Agent-General are now of the most satisfactory description. I had the pleasure of seeing him a short time ago in London, when he expressed his desire to afford me every facility in his power, and also to arrange that the half of the passage money payable in the Province should in future be paid here by him. In future, also, the bills granted to emigrants will be made payable to the Queen instead of to your Honor, and handed to the Agent-General for recovery. With reference to the sending out of working shoemakers and coal miners, referred to in your Honor's letter of the 11th June, the Agent-General informed me that he had communicated with the firm in Glasgow, referred to by your Honor, and I understood him to say that the parties required had been procured.

Railway Plant.—Referring to my letter to your Honor of 4th September, I have now to say that after advertising for tenders, I, under the advice of Mr Blyth, C.E., have accepted that of the Darlington Iron Company, which is as follows:—

924 Tons F. B. Rails, 28 lbs. per yard, at £12 12s. 6d.	...	£11,665 10 0
33 Do. Fish Plates for same, at £26...	...	858 0 0
4 Do. Fish Bolts, at £40	...	160 0 0
8 Do. Dog Spikes, at £32 10s	...	260 0 6
In all	...	£12,943 10 0

The above is free on board at London, but if at Glasgow, the additional expense will be about 2s. 6d. per ton. The Company are bound to supply the work monthly in quantities of about 300 tons, and the first supply will probably be ready in the month of December. With regard to the transmission of the material to the Province, I have contracted with Messrs. P. Henderson and Co. to carry it at the rate of £1 2s. 6d. per ton, if from London; and at the rate of £1 per ton, if from Glasgow. This latter rate was arranged in order to equalise the difference of rate of carriage from Darlington to Glasgow, which, as already mentioned, is about 2s. 6d. per ton more than to London.

The arrangement for payment is by instalments against bill of lading of each shipment, under deduction of 10 per cent. to be retained without interest as a guarantee for the completion of the whole.

I shall, of course, give you at once notice of each shipment.

Seeds.—As stated in my letter of 4th September, I applied to Messrs. Waterer and Co., of London, to supply the seeds of shrubs and medical plants for the Botanical Garden, specified in the list contained in your Honor's letter of 7th June, but they have written me that after endeavouring at several places to obtain the seeds, they have failed to do so, and they say also that there are many things in the list that cannot be obtained true from seeds such as the heaths, rhododendrons, &c. They recommended me, however, to apply to Messrs. W. Bryce and Co., of Glasgow, which I did, and they inform me that they will be glad to supply tree and shrub seeds in the proper season, so far as such can be procured, but they could not say what could be supplied until they had seen the seed, and formed an opinion as to whether it would be suitable or not. I shall keep this matter in view.

The ship "City of Dunedin" sailed from Greenock on 27th September with 115½ statute adults, assisted passengers, on board, of whom I beg to enclose a list.

I have also the honor to enclose herein the following documents, viz. :—

List of passengers per "Jessie Readman" and "City of Dunedin."

Copy invoice, and 1st of bill of lading of drugs for Dunedin Hospital, shipped at London on 5th September.

Copy invoice, and 1st of bill of lading of photographic materials, by the "May Queen."

Copy invoice, and 1st of bill of lading of glass, shipped by Chance, Bros. and Co., in August.

Copy invoice, and 1st of bill of lading of school appliances, shipped by Messrs. Bell and Bradfute, per the "Jessie Readman."

Copy invoice, and 1st of bill of lading of books for Public Libraries and school appliances, shipped by Messrs. Bell and Bradfute, per the "City of Dunedin."

Copy invoice of printing frames, shipped by J. H. Dalleneyer, London—the 1st of bill of lading having been sent to your Honor by Mr. Dalleneyer direct.

Bills of exchange of the passengers per the "Jessie Readman," from Glasgow, on 26th August.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin.

(11.)

Edinburgh, 30th October, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Deputy Superintendent's letter of 4th August, enclosing letter to your Honor from Mr. John Mackenzie, of Oamaru, on the subject of emigration, which shall receive my best consideration.

On 9th instant, I had the honor to receive your Honor's telegram from Wellington, intimating that the Colonial Government has, by mail, directed the Agent-General to pay to me £15,000 for rails, for which I am much obliged to your Honor. Since receipt of it I have seen the Agent-General, who had, of course, not yet received the instructions referred to in the telegram, and he informed me that on receipt of them they would be duly attended to. The sum required, as your Honor will learn by my last letter, will be considerably under the above sum. The first portion of the rails, about 300 tons, will be shipped from Glasgow about the 5th of December by the "Wild Deer."

On the following morning, viz., 10th instant, I received your Honor's telegram from Dunedin, directing me to arrange shipment of salmon ova from Glasgow, provided I can get Dr. Buckland to superintend the shipment there. The subject of this telegram, I presume, has reference to instructions sent to me by mail, which have not yet been received, and I am consequently in doubt whether I am to proceed at once or to wait till I receive specific instructions by letter. I have no doubt, however, that the telegram will be succeeded by written instructions, and in any case there will be abundance of time to complete all the necessary arrangements, so that the ova may be shipped early in January. I immediately, however, wrote to Dr. Buckland, and have a letter from him, in which he expresses his opinion that the undertaking of a shipment from Glasgow will be a very formidable business, and before giving a decided answer as to whether he will undertake to superintend the shipment or not, he must be furnished with the whole details, which I am scarcely yet in a position to give him. He seems also to think that in the event of his taking the superintendence we cannot rely on Mr. Yule giving his assistance.

I have the honor to enclose herein my account (and relative vouchers) for the quarter ending 30th ult, which shows a balance in my favor of	£3,916 13 7
But from that falls to be deducted sums in the account for emigration, including one-half of the salaries and general expenses of the agency, payable by the Agent-General, for which I expect to get a remittance in the course of a day or two, of	4,131 6 9
Which will leave a balance in favour of the agency of	£214 13 2
The general expenses of the agency for the current quarter may be estimated at, say	400 0 0
Which will leave a deficiency of	£185 0 0

With the vouchers is sent copy of the account rendered to the Agent-General for the quarter ending 30th June last, the balance on which (£1,185 17s. 1d.) your Honor will observe is given credit for in the charge of the account now sent for the quarter ending 30th September.

I also enclose herein copy invoice, and first of bill of lading for school appliances, forwarded per the ship "Agnes Muir," from London.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

(12.)

Edinburgh, 13th November, 1873.

SIR,—I had the honor to receive on 7th instant your Honor's telegram, which read as follows:—"And an eighth to each separate article in shipment Railway plant. Two thousand by mail." It had evidently,

been incorrectly reported, and I interpreted it to mean that your Honor desired one-eighth extra quantity of the rails and fastenings previously ordered from the Darlington Company, to be procured. I immediately communicated with the Darlington Company, and have heard from them in reply to the effect that they are willing to execute the additional order on the same terms as the existing contract for the first quantity ordered, notwithstanding the rise in the price of iron.

About 300 tons of the rails, &c., are being shipped on board the "Wild Deer," which is fixed to sail from Glasgow on 5th December.

I have the honor to enclose herein copy invoice, and 1st of bill of lading of books for Public Libraries forwarded by Messrs. Bell and Bradfute, per the ship "Margaret Galbraith," on 29th ult.; as, also, copy invoice of school appliances, forwarded per the "Agnes Muir," from London, which should have been sent with the bill of lading enclosed in my letter to your Honor of 30th ult.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

(13)

Greenock, 6th December, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform your Honor that the ship "Wild Deer" is expected to clear off this port to-day with 197 adults, assisted and guaranteed passengers, on board, of whom I have the honor to enclose a list.

I also send herewith, under separate cover, the schedules and certificates of the assisted passengers.

The Captain will appoint a matron on board the "Wild Deer" a day or two after the ship has sailed, for whom, as well as to the Captain for a policeman, I have granted the usual orders for £5 and £3 respectively.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD,

Per GEO. ANDREWS.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin.

(14.)

Edinburgh, 25th December, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letters of 27th September and 2nd October last.

Salmon Ova.—It is with much regret that I have to inform your Honor that the attempt to procure and send salmon ova has failed for this season, and I intimated this to your Honor by telegram on 18th inst., so as to prevent any unnecessary expense being incurred for their reception. The failure has arisen from different causes: partly, I must admit, from my having misunderstood your Honor's telegram of 2nd October, and which unfortunately led to delay. As I have already informed your Honor, I, on receipt of your telegram, communicated with Dr. Buckland, but he did not give a decided consent to act without further information. From the terms of his letter, however, I was led to understand that, in the event of his getting further information, he would be willing to superintend the shipment about the time at which ova are usually collected—about end of December, or early in January. This season, however, turned out an exceptional one, and the mildness of the weather rendered it necessary that the ova should be taken not later than the middle of December, and Dr. Buckland's engagements at that time were such as to preclude him from taking any charge. In the course of subsequent correspondence with him, it further appeared that he did not mean personally, as Mr. Yule had done on previous occasions, to appoint any persons to collect the ova, or to superintend the construction of an ice-house and other appliances requisite for storing them. I then saw it would be impossible to make arrangements which could be safely relied upon in sufficient time, even if a vessel had been ready. But another cause of failure, and perhaps the most important of all, was the impracticability of getting a suitable ship for the Bluff. Your Honor's telegram did not mention that the vessel was to sail to the Bluff, and it was not till receipt of your letter of 2nd October that I learned that she was to proceed there, and to carry emigrants. Every effort was made by Messrs. P. Henderson and Co. to procure a suitable vessel in time, but without success, and the whole circumstances thus compelled me to abandon the attempt for this season. This is deeply to be regretted, but there will be less difficulty in making satisfactory arrangements next season, if your Honor shall see fit to give instructions. Without emigrants direct for the Bluff, it would, I fear, be impossible to get a ship for the Bluff; but care would be taken by advertising or a considerable period before to ensure a sufficient number of emigrants, so as to induce Messrs. Henderson and Co. to put on a ship for the Bluff.

I have the honor to enclose herein first of bill of lading, and copy of invoice of rails, fish plates, spikes, &c., shipped by the "Wild Deer," which sailed from Glasgow on the 6th inst.; as also first of bill of lading, and copy invoice of a further quantity of rails shipped by the "Himalaya," from London, on 17th inst. No fish-plates nor spikes were ready in time for the rails sent by the last-mentioned ship, but these will be forwarded, along with a further quantity of rails, by the "William Davie," which will sail from London about the middle of January; and I expect the balance of the order for rails to be despatched by the "James Nicol Fleming," early in February.

I have also the honor to enclose copy of two invoices, and first of bill of lading, of books for public libraries and school appliances, forwarded by the "Wild Deer," as also a list of assisted emigrants by that vessel.

I have, &c.,

JOHN AULD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

(15.)

[TELEGRAM.]

Edinburgh, February 19, 1874.

To Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin.

Estimated cost of Fairlie's engine, two thousand eight hundred and forty pounds.

AULD.

Appointment of Mr. James Adam as Immigration Agent.

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO,)

LAI'D UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MAY 19, 1874.

(1. *Provincial Secretary to James Adam, Esq.*)

Provincial Secretary's Office,

Dunedin, 22nd August, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to acquaint you that the Government has some idea of sending home a person to act as Emigration Agent for the Province, and it is understood you might be willing, if applied to, to proceed thither in that capacity. Will you be good enough to inform me, should such an appointment be made, upon what terms as to salary and travelling expenses you would undertake the duties of such an officer.

I have, &c.,

HORACE BASTINGS,
For the Provincial Secretary.

James Adam, Esq., Tokomairiro.

(2. *James Adam, Esq., to Horace Bastings, Esq.*)

Bon Accord, Tokomairiro, 27th August, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter relative to the appointment of an Emigration Agent for the Province. In reply, I beg to state that I am willing to become agent again if the Government do me the honor of appointing me to that office.

As to the question of salary—six hundred a-year is what I would require. This is a large salary to ask, but I have a large establishment out here, which will suffer to a certain extent by my absence. When agent for the Province in Australia I had £400 a-year, and I think the altered condition of the Province warrants me in seeking the salary I have indicated. The duration of the appointment would have some influence on the question of salary.

As to expenses, this cannot be estimated beforehand. On my mission to Britain I cost the Province £750—this included travelling expenses and salary for a year and eight months; the only alteration in these expenses would be in the item of salary. Whether I am appointed or not, I would urge upon the Government to be careful in *not* limiting railway expenses. Wherever practicable the agent should have personal interviews with intending immigrants. This is a very great labour, and some expense; but written correspondence is so unreliable in this matter that the expense is more than repaid by a personal interview with a doubtful applicant.

If appointed, I shall endeavour to conduct the agency with economy and credit to the Province. I would deliver lectures in the rural districts of England and Scotland, and probably visit Ireland. I believe I would be favourably received in all the districts I visited formerly.

I have, &.,

JAMES ADAM.

Horace Bastings, Esq.

(3. *James Adam, Esq., to the Provincial Secretary.*)

Bon Accord, Tokomairiro, 11th September, 1873.

SIR.—I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the Emigration Agency. For reference, I refer you:—

1st.—To His Honor the Superintendent and Mr. Reynolds.

2nd.—To the fact that I am familiar with the duties of such an office, having fulfilled them from 1857 to '59.

3rd.—To the enclosed pamphlet, which paper went through three editions of seven thousand, and was well received by the Press.

4th.—To the public reception I received from the principal inhabitants of the Province and members of the Government. (See *Witness* of '58.) I also received the thanks of the Provincial Council; and the merchants of Dunedin presented me with a piece of plate, bearing the inscription—"Presented, on the 1st day of January, 1859, to Mr. James Adam, late Immigration Agent, by a few merchants in Dunedin, in token of their unfeigned admiration of his zealous labours in promoting Immigration to Otago, N.Z."

Lastly.—I was asked by the Government in '59 to return to Britain as agent for the Province, and declined; and, more recently, the Provincial Council twice indicated to the Government its wish that I should again be sent Home as Emigration Agent.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ADAM.

Geo. Turnbull, Esq., Provincial Secretary.

(4. TELEGRAM.—*James Adam, Esq., to the Provincial Secretary.*)

Tokomairiro, Oct. 9, 1873.

Provincial Secretary, Dunedin.

Yes. Will go for time and salary named by you.

JAMES ADAM.

(5. TELEGRAM.—*James Adam, Esq. to the Provincial Secretary.*)

Provincial Secretary, Dunedin.

Report says I am appointed agent. Please answer.

JAMES ADAM.

(6. TELEGRAM.—*Provincial Secretary to Speaker of Provincial Council.*)

Dunedin, October 14, 1873.

J. L. Gillies, Esq., Speaker Provincial Council, Tokomairiro.

Government proposes sending Mr. James Adam home as Emigration Agent, in terms of Immigration and British Agents Ordinance, 1867. Please telegraph if you concur.

GEO. TURNBULL, Provincial Secretary.

(7. TELEGRAM.—*Speaker of Provincial Council to Provincial Secretary.*)

Tokomairi, Oct. 14, 1873.

Geo. Turnbull, Esq., Provincial Secretary, Dunedin.

The information in your telegram is so crude, that I do not feel justified in expressing concurrence in an appointment, the terms, conditions, and object of which I know nothing. In regard to Mr. Adam, speaking generally, I think he would make a good agent. Joint responsibility in an appointment means to me joint knowledge of the objects and terms on which the appointment is to be made.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Speaker Provincial Council.

(8. TELEGRAM.—*Provincial Secretary to Speaker Provincial Council.*)

Dunedin, October 15, 1873.

J. L. Gillies, Esq., Tokomairi.

It is proposed to give Adam £500 a-year and expenses for two years, to go to Britain and influence Emigrants to the Province, working with, and getting his instructions through the Edinburgh agent of the Province. Please reply.

GEORGE TURNBULL, Provincial Secretary.

(9. TELEGRAM.—*Speaker Provincial Council to Provincial Secretary.*)

Tokomairi, Oct. 15, 1873.

Provincial Secretary, Dunedin.

As required by terms of British Agents Ordinance, 1867, I hereby give my concurrence to the appointment of Mr. James Adam as Emigration Agent on the terms specified to me in your telegram received this morning.

JOHN L. GILLIES, Speaker Provincial Council.

(10. TELEGRAM.—*Provincial Secretary to James Adam, Esq.*)

Dunedin, 15th October, 1873.

James Adam, Esq., Tokomairi.

Government has agreed to your appointment as agent at (£500) five hundred pounds per annum, passage money and travelling expenses in Britain; salary to commence on your arrival, and engagement to be for two years. Please say if you agree, and when you can leave. Would it not be well before departure to visit any important parts of the Province with which you are not already personally acquainted if there be any?

GEORGE TURNBULL, Provincial Secretary.

(11. *James Adams, Esq., to Provincial Secretary*)

Dunedin, Oct. 16, 1873.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram yesterday, and through you to thank the Government for the appointment of Immigration Agent. I trust I shall be able to discharge the duties of that office with fidelity to the Province and to the satisfaction of the Government.

There is one part of your telegram on which I look with considerable surprise, viz., the date of appointment, which is post-dated two or three months. This, I think, is hardly fair; at all events, it was never done to me before. On two similar occasions my appointment dated from the day I left Otago. Had I been going to Britain on private business, and the Government availed itself of that circumstance to appoint me, of course it would be right; but I am leaving the Province solely in the interests of the public, extra expenditure in the management of [my] establishment has already began, and will go on till I arrive in Britain, while the Province is relieved of all expense during that period. If the Government has considered this aspect of the question, I have no wish to press for a reconsideration of the point, although I cannot conceive why the date in the present instance is so removed from what is the actual state of the case.

I will gladly avail myself of your suggestion to visit Southland and see the land to be opened for settlement on the principle of deferred payments. Perhaps other members of the Government would favour me with other suggestions of a valuable kind, as I want the full benefit of their ideas as far as possible. I would also like His Honor the Superintendent to give me a letter of introduction to Dr. Featherston, as I am quite a stranger to that gentleman.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ADAM.

Geo. Turnbull, Esq., Provincial Secretary.

(12. James Adam, Esq., to the Provincial Secretary.)

Tokomairiro, Oct. 23, 1873.

SIR,—If there is time please to insert the advertisement referring to my visit to Oamaru in the local papers, as I find that the daily papers are not generally seen in farm houses.

I do not yet know the terms on which I am to offer passages to emigrants from Britain. This question I have been asked, and have not been able to give a definite answer. If the Government contemplate further modifications in the system of assisted Immigration, I would like to know it as soon as possible.

As Treasurer, perhaps you will be good enough to supply me with the revenue and expenditure of the Province from 1856 to 1873. This information is necessary to illustrate the uniform progress of Otago.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ADAM.

Geo. Turnbull, Provincial Secretary.

Otago University Buildings and Site.

(LETTER FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY.)

LAI'D UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MAY 11, 1874.

Willowmead Puerua, March 13, 1874.

SIR,—I do myself the honor to forward a copy of certain resolutions, lately passed by the University Council, and on the part of the Council to solicit your concurrence in the proposed plan.

May I ask at the same time for a sketch of the site, with such information as may enable the Council to ascertain exactly what is required to make the title a valid one.

I have, &c.,

J. RICHARDSON, Chancellor of the University of Otago.

To His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin.

[For the resolutions referred to in the letter, see enclosures, with report on the Otago University. *Appendix*, page 124; and for the resolution of Provincial Council on the subject of the resolutions, see *Votes and Proceedings*, page 27.]

Letter from the Provincial Auditor Transmitting Special Orders.

(Laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker, May 12, 1874.)

Office of Provincial Auditor,

Dunedin, 11th May, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you the Special Orders received since last Session of the Provincial Council.

I have, &c.,

H. LIVINGSTON, Provincial Auditor.

The Speaker of the Provincial Council, Dunedin.

SPECIAL ORDERS, 1873-74.

	£	s.	d.
10. Compensation to John Anderson	30	0	0
11. Compensation to Officers on Retirement	425	4	8
12. Beetham's Law Costs (Arbitrations and Actions)	50	0	0
13. Compensation for Cancellation of Agricultural Leases	200	0	0
14. Compensation (additional) to J. D. Feraud	130	0	0
15. Cancellation of Agricultural Leases	270	0	0
16. Carriage of Materials for Messrs. Brogden and Sons	314	2	9
17. Surveyors and Draughtsmen on Gold Fields	608	6	7
18. Salary of Pier Master	99	7	6
18. Interest on Purchase Money of Sections 141, 142, Green Island	88	0	0
19. D. and P. C. Railway Working Expenses	1082	19	0
20. Compensation to Officers	121	13	4
21. Lunatic Asylum Buildings	300	0	0
22. Expenses of Governor's Visit	200	0	0
23. Refund of Rent of University Reserve	835	2	4
24. Bluff Wharf	800	0	0
25. Maintenance and New Works D. and P. C. Railway	460	0	0
26. Expenses of Elections	200	0	0
27. Southland Railways	50	0	0
" " Overtime	70	0	0
" " Tools	350	0	0
" " Waggon Stock	400	0	0
28. Southland Old Debts	300	0	0
" Expenses of Elections	350	0	0
29. D. and P. C. Railway Working Expenses	480	0	0
30. Land Office, Invercargill—Printing	19	0	0
" Printing Gazette	469	0	0
" Refund of Revenue	337	0	0
" Refund of Assessment	277	0	0
" Refund of part amount paid by Corporation to Revenue Officer	25	0	0
32. Southland Railways	534	13	0
33. N. Trunk to Moeraki	127	0	0
34. Invercargill Railway—Maintenance	177	14	2
35. Menzies Ferry Bridge	16	0	0
36. Harbour Department—Buoys and Beacons	9	11	3
" " Signals	17	10	0
" Gaol—Tools	4	0	0
" " Fuel	2	3	3
" D. and P. C. Railway—Incidental Expenses	10	10	0
" Head of Lake to Martin's Bay	167	0	0
" Executive Printing	4	2	0
" P. Chalmers Beach Road	13	8	0
" Lunatic Asylum	104	6	3
	<u>£10,479</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>

H. LIVINGSTON, Provincial Auditor.

Occupation of Land on Deferred Payments.
(OPINION OF THE PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR.)

ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. KINROSS, MAY 11, AND LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR, MAY 29, 1874.

I am of opinion that the Licensee of an allotment, under the system of deferred payments, must, under sub-section 5, of section 54, of "The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," reside personally on his allotment.

The whole scope and intention of the Act, in my opinion, clearly show this; but even were any doubt to be raised regarding the meaning of the words "personally occupy," the last provision of sub-section 5, by providing that on the death of the Licensee, or his assigns, during the currency of the license, it shall not be obligatory on the executors, or administrators of such Licensee, or his assigns, to comply with the condition of occupation, clearly implies that so long as the Licensee lives personal occupation must be complied with.

ROBERT STOUT, Provincial Solicitor.

Dunedin, 29th May, 1874.

Return of Land Disposed of on Deferred Payments.

ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. WOOD, MAY 12, AND LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MAY 20, 1874.

Return showing the acreage of all land disposed of on Deferred Payments; the blocks on which such lands are situated, and the date on which each block was thrown open for application (to 12th May, 1874.)

Date opened for application.	Name of District.	Area Opened.	Acreage Disposed of.
		ACRES.	ACRES.
18 February, 1873.	Toetoes	5000	3999
20 January, 1874. ...	Waipahee	5000	2815
14 " " ...	Glenkenich	2636	2399
17 February " ...	Dart	1483	820
20 " " ...	Teviot	2582	1056
9 March " ...	Tigerhill	2500	1158
6 April " ...	Tuapeka West	2000	442
		21,201	12,689

J. T. THOMSON, Chief Commissioner Waste Lands Board.

Deferred Payment Block on Run 111, (M'Nab's.)
(REPORT BY CHIEF SURVEYOR ON,)

ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. M'KENZIE, MAY 6, AND LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY MAY 12, 1874.

Survey Office, Dunedin, 11th May, 1874.

A Block of 5000 acres, containing a greater proportion of good land than the one recently opened on Run No. 111, could have been selected eight or ten miles further up the Waikaka Valley. But the difference in quality is not so great as to entirely outweigh the position value of the block selected, as being the land on Run No. 111 nearest the railway, bush, and settled districts on the Mataura. Moreover, the selection being at the corner of the Run did the least possible injury to the leaseholder.

The Run is a table land of drift material, cut through by the Mataura and Waikaka Valleys. In the block selected, the valleys are at their deepest below the table land, and the natural surface drainage has sifted the drift, carrying the finer soil downwards and leaving the quartz pebbles and sand as a wash behind. By this natural operation the base of the slopes and terraces has been enriched at the expense of the higher ground. The pre-emptive of 705 acres lies along the base, and consequently is part of the best soil. It was selected two years ago. Under all the circumstances of the case, I do not consider the selection of the deferred block unwise, or to be regretted.

JAMES MCKERROW, Chief Surveyor.

Donald Reid, Esq., Provincial Secretary.

Report by Chief Surveyor on Land in the Waiau District.

ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. CUMMING, JUNE 1, AND LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, JUNE 12, 1874.

Survey Office, Dunedin, 9th June, 1874.

Memo.

The low-lying country between the west bank of the Waiau River and the base of the great Western Ranges is, in a straight line, forty (40) miles long, and from four (4) to sixteen (16) miles broad. The valley widening onwards towards the sea. The area is five hundred (500) square miles, of which 414 square miles are forest, and 86 square miles (55,040 acres) open grass country.

The open country all fronts to the Waiau, and is cut off by the forest into several detached pieces. Of this, an area of 31,000 acres stretches from the Limestone Gorge down to within 7 miles of the sea, and inland up the Lillburn for ten (10) miles, and then across low scrubby ridges to the terrace flat on Deanburn, terminating on the banks of Waiau, 22 miles from the sea. Following up the river through 4 miles of forest, another open of 14,000 acres is come on, which continues to front the Waiau for 10 miles. The forest again closes in, and the remaining 10,000 acres of open is made up of several pieces near Lake Manipori.

The soil on the flats near Waiau is thin and shingly, and the terraced surface shows the successive levels of the receding waters of the lake or estuary that once occupied the valley. The soil becomes more deep and earthy as the margin of forest is approached. A calcareous sandstone, similar in appearance to the Oamaru stone, crops out in places; as it weathers rapidly the soil is naturally fertile at those spots.

As a general statement, 10,000 acres may be classed as readily available agricultural land, and the remaining 45,000 acres as semi-pastoral semi-agricultural.

The 55,000 acres has been occupied in 3 or 4 small Runs for the last 10 or 12 years. The latest official return of stock gives an aggregate of eighteen thousand (18,000) sheep and one hundred and fifty (150) cattle, as depasturing on it. The access to this country is completely cut off by the deep and rapid current of the Waiau, which, at no season of the year, is fordable. It would be premature to think of settlement on the small scale until the river is bridged. This could be done in several places at a breadth of one hundred (100) yards.

The Western Waiau districts are not likely to claim much attention until the forests require to be drawn on for timber supply. Totara, black and red pine, and the varieties of birch abound. Near the sea some of the trees attain dimensions unequalled, so far as I know, in any other forest in Otago. At present these forests are very safely conserved by nature, being hemmed in by mountain, lake, river, and sea, so as to be inaccessible to traffic. The coast line is not indented with any harbour, and is simply an ocean beach from Saudhill point on past the mouth of Waiau to Orepuki. The Waiau has an average fall of fifteen (15) feet to the mile, and is much too rapid to be navigable. About a mile above the mouth it widens out almost sufficiently to form a small lake, then contracts again, and runs parallel to the beach, inside a sandspit, for half-a-mile, then a sudden turn through the piled up shingle, and it enters the sea with great force, levelling the surf for some distance. Several attempts have been made to enter the mouth of Waiau by a well-manned whaleboat, but I am informed without success. When the timber is wanted, it will have to be rafted down the Waiau to the lake, and from thence conveyed by land-carriage to the nearest port, which in this case is Riverton. The distance by projected line of railway, via Orepuki, will be 22½ miles.

Regarding the country between Riverton and Waiau, traversed by proposed railway line, I cannot speak from personal knowledge, not having been over the line; but Mr. Simpson informs me that between Riverton and Orepuki, 14½ miles, the line passes through well-grown timber the whole way, and that the slope of the country from Longwood Range is easy for a breadth of 2 or 3 miles next the sea. With regard to the 7,000 acres of open country at Orepuki and along the coast towards Waiau, an officer of this department reports that it lies rather open to the westerly winds, and that the soil has a tendency to sourness.

JAMES MCKERROW, Chief Surveyor.

Donald Reid, Esq., Provincial Secretary, Otago.

Reserves agreed to by Provincial Council during the 32nd Session. (CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO,)

LAI'D UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MAY 13, 1874.

(1. TELEGRAM.—*His Honor James Macandrew to the Deputy Superintendent.*)

Wellington, September 16, 1873.

Deputy Superintendent, Dunedin.

Better not proclaim the various reserves agreed to by Provincial Council last Session until we know whether or not Government will issue Crown grants.

J. MACANDREW.

(2. *His Honor the Superintendent to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 23rd October, 1873.

SIR,—Enclosed I have the honor to transmit a list of lands throughout the Province of Otago which the Provincial Council, at its late Session, has requested me to reserve from sale for the purposes indicated.

Having in view the declaration of the Government on this subject during the late Session of the General Assembly, I shall be glad, before proceeding to proclaim the reserves in question, to be informed as to whether or not the Crown grants will be issued on application.

I may observe that the Provincial Council has recommended several small reserves of from one to ten acres not enumerated in the enclosed list, as to the issuing of Crown grants for which there can, in my opinion, be no possible objection. Those I propose to proclaim, and request to be Crown granted at once.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

[Enclosure with No. 2.]

LIST OF RESERVES MADE BY THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, SESSION 32.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	LOCALITY.	ACREAGE.		
		A.	R.	P.
	Sections, &c.			
Endowment for Invercargill Athenæum	1 to 10 inclusive, block 10, and 12, 24, 25, 26, block XI., Invercargill Hundred	1077	3	28
Cemetery Reserve	41A, block 2, Winton	20	3	38
Recreation Reserve for the Inhabitants of Invercargill	Invercargill	43	2	0
Village Reserve	Adjoining section 321 Hokonui District	880	0	0
Township Reserve	Do. sections 135 and 306 do.	830	0	0
Village Reserve	In block IV., Jacob River Hundred	142	0	0
Village Reserve	Adjoining sections 34 and 35 Hokonui District	640	0	6
Gravel Reserve	Sections 25 to 31 inclusive, block 7, Winton District	60	1	28
Lignite Reserves	4, 5, 6, and 7, blk. 14, Jacob's River Hundred, 15, 16, and 19, blk. 3, Mataura Hundred, and 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55, block 5, Lindhurst Hundred	313	2	16
		274	1	35
		621	3	36
Endowment for Cromwell Public Library	16, block 3, Cromwell	275	3	24
Endowment for Oamaru Mechanics Institute	Sections 31, 32, 35, block 9, Wyndham	232	3	25
Do for Municipality of Queenstown	Two islands at head of Lake Wakatip	846	0	0
Recreation Reserve, for the inhabitants of Queenstown	Queenstown	2	3	14
Do. Moa Flat and Ettrick	Section 14, b I, Bengier	300	0	0
Commonage for Inhabitants of Tapanui	Section 63, block 13, Glenkenich	509	1	25
Endowment for Waitahuna and Havelock Athenæums	Sections 4 and 11, block 7, Waitahuna West	500	0	0
Race Course, Cromwell	Section 17, block 3, Cromwell	300	0	0

(3. His Honor the Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 14th November, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose copy of the *Provincial Government Gazette* of the 12th instaut, No. 880, containing notices under section 16 of the "Southland Waste Lands Act, 1865," and section 160 the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," reserving certain lands in the Province of Otago for various purposes, and to request that the necessary instructions may be issued for the preparation of Crown grants for the same.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent of Otago.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

(4. Secretary for Crown Lands to His Honor the Superintendent.)

General Crown Lands Office, Wellington, November 28, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, No. 14,186-4, enclosing a list of lands proposed to be reserved for various purposes, and, in reply, to inform your Honor that the issuing of Crown grants for these reserves cannot be authorised at present, for the reasons severally set forth in the attached schedule.

With reference to the small reserves mentioned in the last paragraph of your letter, I have the honor to request that the *Gazette* notice proclaiming them may be forwarded as soon as it is published.

I have, &c.,

JOHN BATHGATE, Secretary for Crown Lands.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

[Enclosure with No. 4.]

PROPOSED RESERVES.	OBJECTIONS.
Endowment for Athenæum, Invercargill	This is contrary to law. One endowment already made. { This is a proper purpose, but the size (20 acres) in a country district seems objectionable.
Cemetery Reserve, Winton	
Recreation Reserve, Invercargill	{ The town has already extra sized recreation ground. More specific information necessary.
Village Reserve, Hokonui	Further information necessary.
Township do. do.	Ditto.
Village do. do. Jacob's River	Ditto.
Do. do. Hokonui	Ditto.
Gravel do. Winton	Why 60 acres ?
Lignite Reserves, Jacob's River, &c.	{ 1210 acres. Further information necessary. Why should such reserves be granted ?
Endowment, Cromwell Public Library	This is contrary to law.
Do. Oamaru Institute	Ditto.
Do. Municipality, Queenstown	Ditto.
Recreation Reserve, Moa Flat	300 acres. Information and map required.
Commonage, Tapanui	Ditto.
Endowments, Waitahuna and Havelock Athenæums	This is contrary to law.
Race Course, Cromwell	{ There is a Race Course in that neighbourhood already. Every Municipality cannot have a Race Course.

[Will Mr. Pearson be good enough to afford the explanations and information sought by the Secretary Crown Lands. Perhaps it would be as well to furnish a plan of Invercargill, showing the Recreation Reserve already made, and that proposed. Also, of the Cemetery Reserve, Winton, marking off on it a smaller area, and accompanying it with a description.—A. WILLIS, Under Secretary. 18th March, 1874.]

W. H. Pearson, Esq.

Information forwarded.—W. H. PEARSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands. 30th April, 1874.

His Honor the Superintendent, Dunedin.]

(5. Memoranda by Mr. Pearson.)

PROPOSED RESERVES.	REASONS.
Endowment for Athenæum, Invercargill	This reserve was made by the Provincial Council. { This reserve is the only one of the sort in a district which is likely to become thickly populated, and 20 acres, although liberal, I do not think too much.
Cemetery Reserve, Winton	
Recreation Reserve, Invercargill	{ This is part of the original reserve for public recreation and amusement, and would have been included in the original grant if survey had been done; it is land of little use for sale, and I would recommend the grant of this for the purpose specified.
Village Reserve, Hokonui	Description enclosed.
Township do. do.	Ditto
Village do. do. Jacob's River	Ditto
Do. do. Hokonui	Ditto
Gravel do. Winton	{ Is the only reserve in the district, and will be used by many Road Boards, including the Municipality of Invercargill; the Invercargill and Winton line passes close to it. This is a desirable reserve for the purpose.
Lignite Reserves, Jacob's River	{ This is in three districts, and an expenditure of say £100 on the survey, would enable sixty acres to satisfy this claim.

WALTER H. PEARSON, Commissioner Crown Lands.

[Enclosure with No. 5.]

Descriptions asked for in letter of Secretary for Crown Lands.

Village Reserve, Hokonui District.—All that piece or parcel of land in the Hokonui District, containing 640 acres, more or less, bounded on the north by section 34, 2878 links, and section 35, 4626 links; on the east by bush reserve, 2800 links, sections 142, 160, 205, and 317—5054 links; on the south by section 137A—4231 links, and 135A—1425 links; and on the west by the Oreti River, about 110 chains.

Village Reserve, Hokonui District.—All that piece or parcel of land in the Hokonui District, containing, by admeasurement, 880 acres, more or less, bounded on the north by section 321—62 chains; on the east by the Waimea stream—85 chains; on the south by sections 339, and 367—157 chains; and on the west by section 368—114 chains.

Township Reserve, Hokonui District.—All that piece or parcel of land in the Hokonui District, containing 830 acres; bounded on the south by section 59, and section 136—5364 links; on the west by sections 58, 213, and 137—13,854 links; on the north by section 135—3820 links, and section 306—1815 links; and on the east by the Mataura River, about 110 chains.

Village Reserve, Jacob's River Hundred —All that piece or parcel of land in block IV., Jacob's River Hundred, containing, by admeasurement, 117 acres 10 perches; bounded on the north-east by section 21—4406 links; on the south-east by sections 36, 35, 34, 33, and 33A—5774 links; on the south by public road—296 links; and on the west by public road—2450 links and 4750 links.

(6. *Secretary for Crown Lands to His Honor the Superintendent.*)

General Crown Lands Office, Wellington, November 26th, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that Crown grants for all the reserves mentioned in the *Gazette* (No. 880) enclosed in your Honor's letter to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary of the 14th instant, are authorised, with the exception of the reserve of 10 acres, Shotover, for acclimatisation, which is contrary to law; and the reserve for recreation for the use of the inhabitants of Queenstown on the northern shore of Lake Wakatip, before issuing which, a map should be sent up, showing the situation of the land required to be granted, and also information afforded what previous grants, if any, have been made to the Corporation for a like purpose.

I have, &c.,

JOHN BATHGATE, Secretary for Crown Lands.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

(7. *His Honor the Superintendent to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 19th March, 1874.

SIR,—Referring to the latter portion of your letter, No. 835, of the 26th November last, I have now the honor to forward a map of Queenstown, shewing the reserves already made for recreation purposes, and that proposed and described in *Gazette* No. 880 of the 12th November, 1873, and as I am not aware of any reason to the contrary, to request that a Crown grant may now be issued.

As regards the reserve for Acclimatisation at Queenstown, I beg to call your attention to the fact of the General Assembly having passed an Act in 1869 called "The Acclimatisation Society of Southland Grant Act," under the authority of which two thousand acres of land was vested in Trustees for the benefit of the Society. If, then, the Assembly, by a special Act, could endow an existing Society, I fail to see now why a reserve, made under the authority of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," for a public purpose of a specific character, which I contend Acclimatisation is, whether of fish, birds, animals, or trees, can be considered as contrary to law.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

(8. Secretary for Crown Lands to His Honor the Superintendent.)

General Crown Lands Office, Wellington, 28th March, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, 11,211-38, on the subject of granting the Recreation and Acclimatisation Reserves at Queenstown.

In reply, I would inform your Honor that instructions will be given to the Commissioner of Crown Lands to prepare the grants forthwith—the trust to be inserted in the grant for the Acclimatisation Reserve, it is considered advisable, should be in the following words:—

“To be used and maintained as grounds wherein animals and plants may be acclimatized.”

I have, &c.,

G. MAURICE O’RORKE.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

(9. His Honor the Superintendent to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.)

Superintendent’s Office, Dunedin, 12th May, 1874.

SIR,—Referring to your letter, No. 838, of the 28th November last, in which it is stated that Crown grants for certain reserves, set apart at the last Session of the Provincial Council, “cannot be authorised at present, for the reasons set forth in the attached schedule,” I have now the honor to enclose copy of a memorandum, just received from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Invercargill, commenting on those reasons, in so far as they affect the reserves within the boundaries of the late Province of Southland, with a map of Invercargill, showing the position of the proposed Recreation Reserve. I may mention that the Village and Township Reserves were made upon the recommendation of the Invercargill Waste Lands Board.

I also forward tracings, showing the proposed Recreation Reserve at Moa Flat, and the Commonage Reserve, Tapanui, but I can afford no other information regarding them, other than the fact that the Provincial Council unanimously agreed that they should be made.

With regard to the Cromwell Race-course, I have to remark that the nearest course is at the Dunstan, a distance of at least 15 miles, and I can see no reason why there should not be one granted for the use of the inhabitants of Cromwell.

I have only to add, with reference to the proposed Reserves for the endowment of Athenæums being regarded as “contrary to law,” that reference to the correspondence, which took place in the beginning of 1873, see my letter, No. 11,211-34, of the 12th February, and the reply of the Colonial Secretary, of the 18th March, will show that such reserves were then not so regarded.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Alienation and Exchange of Land on Run 223 (Messrs. Glassford Bros.) at Tiger Hill.

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO,)

ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. HAZLETT, MAY 14, AND LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MAY 21, 1874.

(1. *Secretary for Lands and Works to Messrs. Glassford Bros.*)

Lands and Works Office, Dunedin, 16th July, 1868.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to forward the enclosed sketch of a portion (1740 acres) of your run, No. 223, which the Government are desirous of acquiring for agricultural settlement. I shall be obliged by your favouring me with your views on the subject, as well as a statement of the amount of compensation you would require in the event of your lease being cancelled over it.

I may mention that Mr. Low, of run 224, has intimated his willingness to give up that portion of his run, shewn on the sketch adjoining your country, for a nominal consideration, if the Government will consent to fence from the one point of the river to the other. This of course will be a matter for consideration. I merely mention it, in order that if such an arrangement should commend itself to you, you will be good enough to let me know at the same time.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE DUNCAN, Secretary for Lands and Works.

Messrs. Glassford Bros., Matakanui Station, Blacks.

(2. *Secretary for Lands and Works to Messrs. Glassford Bros.*)

Land and Works Office, Dunedin, 10th August, 1868.

Referring to my letter, No. 8762-42, of the 16th ultimo, I have now the honor to enclose tracings of part of your run, No. 226, and another portion of your run, No. 223, which the Government desire to acquire for agricultural settlement. I do not think the other portion of your run, No. 223, will be required.

I shall be obliged by your informing me as early as possible the amount you require as compensation for the cancellation of your pastoral lease over these areas.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HUGHES, for Secretary for Lands and Works.

Messrs. Glassford, Bros. Matakanui station, Black s.

(3. *Messrs. Glassford Bros. to the Secretary for Lands and Works,*)

Matakanui, Black's, 30th October, 1868.

SIR,—We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1st August, with enclosures, and must apologise for not replying sooner, owing to this writer's absence in Victoria.

With reference to the portion of run 223, as shown on tracing, required by Government, we are quite willing to give up such portions as may be taken up in blocks for agricultural purposes from to time, on receiving compensation at the rate of four shillings per acre for the cancellation of our pastoral lease over

said blocks, provided no future claim can be made against us by the holders of agricultural leases for fencing. We advised the Warden at the Dunstan some eight months ago of our readiness to act in this way.

As to the land required by Government on run 226, as per tracing, we would, with all deference, beg you to lay before the Government the advisability of taking up such land as may be required between the Welshman's Gully and St. Bathans, where there are several farmers settled on sufferance, and equally good land. Should the Government insist on requesting the land, as shewn in tracing, we shall have no alternative but to give these parties notice to remove, and we would require a much higher compensation for the land as shewn than for that recommended by us.

Trusting that this will meet due consideration.

We have, &c.,

GLASSFORD BROTHERS.

The Secretary for Lands and Works, Dunedin.

(4. Secretary for Public Works to Messrs. Glassford Brothers.)

Land and Works Office, Dunedin, 27th November 1868.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date as per margin, 30th October, 1868. The Government agree to pay you at the rate of 4s. per acre for the block in run 223, as it is taken up, but as regards the block in run 226, they desire to adhere to the boundary, as shewn in the tracing in your possession. Will you be good enough to state the amount of compensation you require.

I have, &c.,

A. J. BURNS, Secretary for Public Works.

Messrs. Glassford Brothers, Black's.

(5. Messrs. Glassford Brothers to the Secretary for Lands and Works.)

Matakanui, Black's, 14th December, 1868.

SIR,—We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 27th ultimo, and note the Government had decided to adhere to the boundaries, as shown in tracing of land, on run 226, required for agricultural purposes, and regret the block recommended by us was not approved of.

As the part selected is in the centre of the run, and shuts out a portion of country alongside the Dunstan Creek, which would be entirely useless to us, we beg to claim compensation at the rate of seven shillings per acre for the cancellation of our pastoral lease over such portions as shall from time to time be taken up for agricultural purposes, provided no future claim can be brought against us by the holders of agricultural leases for fencing, &c.

We have, &c.,

GLASSFORD BROTHERS.

A. J. Burns, Esq., Secretary for Lands and Works, Dunedin.

(6. Messrs. Driver, M'Lean, and Co. to His Honor the Superintendent.)

Dunedin, 8th March, 1869.

SIR,—Referring to our verbal communications relative to the proposals of the Government for taking land on runs No. 223, and No. 226, held by our clients Messrs. Glassford Bros., we now beg to call your attention to the following facts:—

On Run No. 223, 1,135 acres on the Chatto Creek were given up over a year ago, under arrangement with the Government to receive compensation at the rate of 4s. per acre. Up to this time only 50 acres have been taken, although there was a great outcry to have this block opened.

Some time ago the District Surveyor recommended another block of 1,740 acres, opposite Black's township; this block was considered most likely to meet the requirements of the settlers, besides including several farms, which the runholders had granted permission to settle upon under private agreements. After some correspondence on the subject, the Government informed the runholders that the block suggested would not be required; and there, so far as our clients are concerned, the matter rested, until a few days since, when they learned, from private information, and through the local papers, that the Govern-

ment proposed receiving applications in an entirely different portion of the run, and that land for that purpose is being surveyed about three miles from Black's township, and almost in the centre of the run. The runholders have never had any communication from the Government relative to this block, nor have they ever authorized any one in their behalf to consent to its being taken.

Your Honor's Government is doubtless aware that our clients (the Messrs. Glassford) have made themselves well liked among the diggers by the liberal manner in which they have treated them, and in doing so have injured a great deal of the grazing of their runs. They have consented to settlement about Drybread, and other diggings, to the entire satisfaction of those interested. It therefore seems hard that they should be, what we might term, unfairly treated, by making too liberal a use of their good nature. They, like persons engaged in every class of business, must protect their own interest, at the same time disclaim the slightest desire to prevent legitimate settlement. Our clients desire to point out to your Honor the fact, that quite as much excitement was manifested in getting the block on the "Chatto Creek" thrown open, and yet only one section has ever been taken up. In nine cases out of ten, the cry of pressing demand for land is got up by local politicians, who wish to make themselves popular. This is doubtless the fact here, as our clients have never failed to satisfy the reasonable demands of those who really wish to settle.

The block in question is 3 miles from a township, which is on another run, and in the heart of their property, for which they are paying the Government a very high rent on the faith of being fairly protected. To cancel the block on the "Chatto Creek" for the purpose of adopting the one now under consideration would not, we respectfully submit, be carrying out the spirit of the "Goldfields Act," even if legal, which might be fairly doubted, for in this way a whole run might be gone over to please the fancy of one or two persons.

We are requested by our clients to ask that your Honor will direct the postponement of dealing with the block known (as appears by the newspapers) the "Tiger Hill Survey District," until such time as they have been placed in a position to treat with the Government on the whole question upon the basis of a fair and liberal construction of the "Goldfields Act."

Mr. Warden Pike advertises to hear applications for land in this block on the 11th instant, which we would respectfully suggest should be postponed by notice to him by telegraph, as our clients protest against it, their consent never having been asked or given.

Run No. 226.—As in the case of the other run, our clients allowed settlement on private terms with various parties at a place between St. Bathans and Welshman's Gully, which they, the settlers, deemed most suitable, and this was recommended as an area for agricultural settlement, but, as usual, it did not suit the fancy of every one, and so another place on the run was fixed upon, which would seriously damage their run, the land for settlement being no better, if so good. Our clients demanded 7s. per acre compensation, but up to the present are without reply from the Government.

If our clients are obliged to allow the areas referred to, they will have no other course left but to remove those who they have heretofore allowed to settle on private terms.

We are, &c.

DRIVER, M'LEAN AND Co.

To His Honor the Superintendent.

(7. His Honor the Superintendent to Messrs. Driver, M'Lean and Co.)

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 9th March, 1869.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, with reference to the block of land on Messrs. Glassford's run, at Black's, proposed to be taken for agricultural lease, I have to express my regret that through some unaccountable misadventure the matter has gone so far without previous communication with Messrs. Glassford Brothers, whose liberality in meeting the requirements of the mining population the Government fully recognises. As it is, the Warden has been directed to postpone the hearing of applications for one month, in order to enable the necessary arrangements to be entered into with Messrs. Glassford. With a view to a satisfactory settlement of the matter, I should be glad if you could favor me with a personal interview at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW, Superintendent.

Messrs. Driver, M'Lean, and Co., Dunedin.

(8. *Secretary for Works to Messrs. Glassford Brothers.*)

Lands and Works Office, Dunedin, 17th March, 1869.

GENTLEMEN,—Referring to your letter of the 14th December last, in which you state that you will require 7s. per acre as compensation for the cancellation of your pastoral lease over a portion of your run, I have the honor to acquaint you that the Government have decided to submit the matter to arbitration, and name Mr. J. L. Gillies to act in their behalf. Perhaps you will be good enough to favor me with the name of your arbiter.

I have, &c.,

A. J. BURNS, Secretary for Works.

Messrs. Glassford Brothers.

(9. *Messrs. Driver, M'Lean, and Co. to the Secretary for Lands and Works.*)

Dunedin, 27th March, 1869.

Dear Sir,—We are authorised by Messrs. Glassford Bros. to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 17th instant (8762-100) and to name Mr. Wm. Fraser (of Messrs. Strode and Fraser) as an arbitrator to act on their behalf, with Mr. J. L. Gillies, in estimating the value of that portion of their run referred to in our clients letter of 14th December last.

Mr. Fraser will be in Dunedin soon, and perhaps the matter could be gone into then, as it would save expenses, &c.

We are, &c.,

DRIVER, MACLEAN, AND CO.

A. J. Burns, Esq., Secretary for Lands and Works, Dunedin.

(10. *Secretary for Lands and Works to Messrs. Driver, M'Lean and Co.*)

Lands and Works Office, Dunedin, 7th April 1869.

GENTLEMEN,—Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo, intimating the appointment of Mr. Fraser as arbitrator for the Messrs. Glassford in the matter of the proposed cancellation of their pastoral lease over a portion of their run, No. 226, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to have the necessary submission prepared, and submitted for the approval of the Provincial Solicitor.

I enclose a tracing and description of the block over which the lease is to be cancelled.

I have, &c.,

A. J. BURNS, Secretary for Lands and Works.

Messrs. Driver, M'Lean and Co., Dunedin.

(11. *Secretary for Lands and Works to Messrs. Driver, Stewart and Co.*)

Lands and Works Office, Dunedin, 23rd December, 1870.

GENTLEMEN,—Referring to a conversation I had with your Mr. Driver on the 12th instant, respecting the cancellation of the pastoral lease over a block of land on the Messrs. Glassford's Run No. 223, when he promised to communicate with them, and favor me with a reply within eight or ten days, I have now the honor to remind you of the matter, and to request that you will be good enough to favor me with an early intimation of Messrs. Glassford's views respecting the cancellation of their lease over the block in question.

I have, &c.,

D. REID.

Messrs. Driver, Stewart and Co., High-street.

(12. Messrs. Driver, Stewart and Co. to the Secretary for Lands and Works.)

Dunedin, 24th December, 1870.

SIR,—We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, referring to the cancellation of a portion of the pastoral lease of run No. 223, and we are directed to state that compensation will be received for the whole block, instead of as sold from time to time, on condition that the rate of compensation is at once agreed upon and paid, and that the block does not exceed 2500 acres or thereabouts, and that the southern boundary of the proposed block be altered as suggested to you by Mr. Driver.

We would also require a memo. from the Government, to the effect that all former proposals to take blocks on other parts of the same run be abandoned, leaving the leaseholder power (at his discretion) to remove any person or persons from the occupation of any portion of the run except that included in the now proposed block.

On behalf the leaseholders, we shall be prepared to complete the arrangement at any time.

We have, &c.,

DRIVER, STEWART AND CO.

To the Secretary for Lands and Works.

(13. Under-Secretary to Messrs. Driver, Stewart and Co.)

Lands and Works Office, Dunedin, 4th January, 1871.

GENTLEMEN,—I have been directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, on the subject of the cancellation of a portion of the pastoral lease of Run No. 223.

In reply, I am to state that the Government agrees to the alteration of the southern boundary of the block as suggested by Mr. Reid to Mr. Driver; and as soon as the new boundaries can be defined and the area ascertained, the question of compensation will be considered. The Government also agrees that all former proposals shall be abandoned, but reserves to itself the right of opening up of other lands on the run, should the exigencies of the public demand the adoption of such a course.

I have, &c.,

A. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

Messrs. Driver, Stewart and Co., Dunedin.

(14. Under-Secretary to Messrs. Driver, Stewart and Co.)

Lands and Works Office, Dunedin, 9th January, 1871.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed by Mr. Reid to refer you to my letter of the 4th instant, on the subject of the cancellation of a portion of the pastoral lease of run 223, and to request that you will be good enough to furnish a reply at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

Messrs. Driver, Stewart and Co., Dunedin.

(15. Memo. for Warden at Blacks.)

Be good enough to report whether there is any immediate necessity for cancelling the pastoral lease of Messrs. Glassford over that portion of their run 223 at Blacks.

I have, &c.,

A. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

12th January, 1872.

(16. Mr. Warden Carew to the Secretary for Lands and Works.)

Warden's Office, Blacks, 17th January, 1872.

SIR,—Referring to your memo. of number and date as per margin (8762-123, 12th January, 1872),

in which you request me to report whether there is any immediate necessity for cancelling the pastoral lease of Messrs. Glassford over that portion of their run 223, at Blacks, I beg to state that if the memo. refers to land known as Block I, Tiger Hill Survey District, and which is identical with that selected and set apart by proclamation in the *Provincial Gazette*, that it appears to me to be urgently necessary that the pastoral lease be cancelled, as agricultural leases have been issued, some dated so far back as May, 1869, for the following sections:—Nos. 2, 18, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 52, 53, 54, and 55, containing 431 acres, and that the following sections are occupied under certificates:—Nos. 14, 15, 48, 49, 50, and 50, containing 288 acres.

I have, &c.,

E. H. CAREW, Warden.

The Secretary for Lands and Works, Dunedin.

(17. *Messrs. George Grey Russell and Co. to the Secretary for Lands and Works.*)

Dunedin, 5th March, 1872.

SIR,—We have to acquaint you that we have seen Mr. Glassford with reference to the compensation for the block alienated from his run, No. 223. He authorises us to agree that the proposed alteration (as in the enclosed plan, colored brown,) shall take effect, so long as the whole block does not exceed 2500 acres; and he is willing to accept, without arbitration, 5s. (say five shillings) per acre as compensation, if paid at once. This is the same, we understand, as the Government paid to the owner of the adjoining run, the "Lauder."

We return the plan you lent us, with thanks.

We have, &c.,

GEORGE GREY RUSSELL AND CO.

The Secretary for Lands and Works, Dunedin.

(18. *Provincial Secretary to Messrs. G. G. Russell and Co.*)

Provincial Secretary's Office, Dunedin, 11th March, 1872.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date quoted in the margin (5th March, 1872), with reference to the compensation for the cancellation of the lease over a block of land on Messrs. Glassford Brothers run, No. 223, agreeing on their behalf to a proposed alteration of boundaries, provided the whole block does not exceed 2500 acres, and intimating that they are willing to accept 5s. per acre as compensation, without arbitration.

In reply, I have to inform you that the Government are prepared to give 4s. per acre for the block of land, payable after October next, and I would also remind you that the Messrs. Glassford, in their letter of 30th October, 1868, expressed their willingness to accept the latter-mentioned sum.

I have, &c.,

D. REID, Provincial Secretary.

Messrs. G. G. Russell and Co., Dunedin.

(19. *Messrs. G. G. Russell and Co. to Provincial Secretary.*)

[Original letter from Messrs. G. G. Russell and Co. mislaid, but following is the substance of the communication.]

Letter from G. G. Russell and Co., 27th March, 1872,

Intimating that Messrs. Glassford will accept the compensation offered in letter from Provincial Secretary, dated 11th March, 1872, if the £500 is permitted to be deducted from amount of assessment payable 1st October.

(20. *Under Secretary to Messrs. G. G. Russell and Co.*)

Provincial Secretary's Office, Dunedin, 8th April, 1872.

GENTLEMEN,—I have been directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date quoted in the margin (27th March, 1872) signifying the acceptance by Mr. Glassford of the amount of compensation

offered by the Government for the 2500 acres taken from his run 223 by the Government, and to acquaint you that it will be deducted from the assessment payable by that gentleman on the 1st October.

I am, &c.,

ALEXANDER WILLIS, Under Secretary.

Messrs. G. G. Russell and Co., Dunedin.

(21. *Under Secretary to Messrs. G. G. Russell and Co.*)

Provincial Secretary's Office, Dunedin, 27th April, 1872.

GENTLEMEN,—I have been directed to enclose for your information a plan of block 1, Tiger Hill District, which shows the block of 850 acres, over which the pastoral lease is to be cancelled, as well as the portion of the original block to be abandoned to the lessees of run 223. The notice of cancellation will appear in the next *Gazette*.

I have, &c.,

ALEXANDER WILLIS, Under Secretary.

Messrs. G. G. Russell and Co., Dunedin.

(22. *Under Secretary to the Warden at Clyde.*)

Gold Fields Office, Dunedin, 27th April, 1872.

SIR,—Enclosed you will find a plan of block 1, Tiger Hill, which shows a block of 850 acres over which the pastoral lease is about to be cancelled, in order that it may be available for agricultural settlement; and, also, shows a portion of the original block, which it is proposed to abandon to the lessee of run 223.

I have, &c.,

ALEXANDER WILLIS, Under Secretary,

The Warden, Clyde.

(23. *Mr. Warden Carew to Provincial Secretary.*)

Warden's Office, Clyde, 30th May, 1872.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of No. and date as per margin (8762-132, 27th April '72) respecting land at Tiger Hill.

In reply, I beg respectfully to point out that the block of 850 acres over which it is proposed to cancel the lease of the pastoral tenants, is valueless for agricultural purposes. It is about the highest point between this and Black's, and is dry, hilly, and rockbound.

The land which it is proposed to put back into the run is in great part (sections 12 to 17 and 24 to 28) the best in the whole of the present block.

Section 14, in its centre, yielded this year the best crop in the district. These sections are rich, swampy land, and it is now found, contrary to former belief, to be easily drained.

I will further report, after inspection of the land for the purpose, should you desire me to do so.

I am, &c.,

E. H. CAREW, Warden.

MEMO.—It is unnecessary for the Warden to make any further report on this matter. The proposal to cancel the portion, yellow on plan, emanated from the district, for the purpose of connecting the commonage, and it was a condition in deciding the compensation to the runholder that this portion, which was, owing to its position, useless to the runholder, should be taken instead of that colored pink, which arrangement cannot be violated.

D. REID, Secretary for Land.

June 1, 1872.

For the information of Warden Carew. A. WILLIS.—June 3, 1872.

(24. *John Cole Chapple, Esq., to His Honor the Superintendent.*)

Alexandra, 5th November, 1873.

SIR,—With the knowledge and consent of the farmers of Tiger Hill, near Blacks, I ask to be informed if any portion of Block I., Tiger Hill District, has been given back to Mr. Glassford, in exchange for a piece of country situated between said block and the Manuherikia River, which said piece of country was cancelled by proclamation in *Gazette*, bearing date 8th May, 1872. Several parties have made application to W. L. Simpson, Esq., Warden, to take up sections in the said block, myself among the rest. My application was received, and advertised in the *Dunstan Times*, October 31st, 1873. On yesterday, 4th instant, at Blacks, I was informed that Government had given instructions that applications were not to be received for certain sections in this said block, so have had to abandon my application. If such is the case, we think it strange that we, the residents on this said land, should know nothing about it. Further wish to point out that the piece of country cancelled, as per *Gazette* 8th May, 1872, is nothing more than a lot of rocks, and not one acre fit for agricultural purposes; whereas those sections withdrawn are some of the best land in the block. There are a great many sections as yet not broken up in this block, but beg to state the land is of inferior quality, and mostly a gravel bed. Trusting you will be pleased to give the information required,

I have, &c.,

JOHN COLE CHAPPLE.

To James Macandrew, Esq., Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

(25. *Under-Secretary to J. C. Chapple, Esq.*)

Gold Fields Office, Dunedin, 5th November, 1873.

SIR,—I have been directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date quoted in the margin (5th October, 1873), and to acquaint you that Mr. Glassford has no right to run sheep on the piece of country over which his pastoral lease was cancelled in May, 1872, and Mr. Thomson, Sheep Inspector of Clyde, has been instructed to look after the interests of the settlers. Mr. Glassford's lease has also been cancelled over Block I., Tiger Hill, but he was allowed to resume a portion of the block in exchange for the piece of country above referred to (sketch enclosed), which will give you all the information on the subject.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

John Cole Chapple, Esq., Alexandra.

(26. *Chairman of Blacks Progress Committee to Secretary for Lands and Works.*)

Blacks, January 26th, 1874.

SIR,—I am directed by the Blacks Progress Committee to inquire from you upon whose recommendation, or for what reason, that portion of land in Block I., Tiger Hill Survey District, was returned to the runholder.

It has come to the knowledge of the Progress Committee that many persons are anxious to take up portions of this land, and, upon going to apply for it, they find that although it is surveyed, it has been withdrawn from application.

The Progress Committee would wish to know what were the reasons of the Government, or upon whose recommendation, that portion of the surveyed block was returned to the runholder.

Trusting you will give us the information we require,

I have, &c.,

JAMES CHEESEMAN, Chairman to Blacks Progress Committee.

The Secretary for Lands and Works.

(27. *Under-Secretary to Chairman Blacks Progress Committee.*)

Gold Fields Office, Dunedin, 11th February, 1874.

SIR,—I have been directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date quoted in the margin (26th January, 1874), and to acquaint you that the abandonment of a portion of Block I., Tiger Hill, to the runholder, was by agreement by that gentlemen and a former Government, under which Mr. Glassford gave up some 850 acres of his run as an equivalent.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

Jas. Cheeseman, Esq., Chairman Blacks Progress Committee.

Opening of Land for Settlement on Messrs. Cargill and Anderson's Runs, 199 and 369.

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO,)

ORDERED ON THE MOTION OF MR. IRELAND, MAY 13, AND LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MAY 26, 1874.

(1. Messrs. Cargill and Anderson to the Provincial Secretary.)

Dunedin, 29th December, 1873.

SIR,—We have the honor to request that we may be informed under what authority a block of 280⁰ acres on run 369 is to be surveyed into sections, as per advertisement in the *Provincial Government Gazette* of 24th instant.

This block was proposed to be set aside by the Provincial Council on the motion of Mr. Ireland, the member for Mount Benger District, and assented to by that body without discussion. It is in excess of the 30,000 acres to be set apart in terms of clause 47 of the "Waste Lands Act, 1872," and we submit that the Provincial Government have no power under the Act, which enables them to deal with this part of our leasehold without our consent. This view was acquiesced in by Mr. Bastings, the Secretary for Works, at an interview our Mr. Cargill had with him on the subject of taking blocks in runs 199 and 369. Further at the said interview it was made apparent by examination of Mr. M'Kerrow, the principal surveyor, that some of this block was suited for agriculture, but that a few families might be located along the roadside, and make a living, not by cultivation, but by running sheep and cattle on the remainder of the block. We cannot suppose that this dealing with the Waste Lands—that is, passing it from the possession of one pastoral tenant to be used by others for the same purpose was contemplated by the Legislature in making provision for settlement in blocks of land under the deferred payment system. Had it been intended that these blocks should be of pastoral country, and for purely pastoral occupation, the Act would have provided that the blocks would have been a fair average of the pastoral land from which the block was taken, and not, as in this case, have carefully excised the winter country, by laying off an elongated block, with its side parallel to the river, leaving to the former pastoral tenant the country above the winter snow line.

Trusting we may have an early reply,

We have, &c.,

CARGILL AND ANDERSON.

George Turnbull, Esq., Provincial Secretary.

(2. Under Secretary to Messrs. Cargill and Anderson.)

Provincial Secretary's Office, Dunedin, 7th January, 1874.

GENTLEMEN,—I have been directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date quoted in the margin, 29th December, 1873, inquiring under what authority a block of 2800 acres on run 369 is to be surveyed into sections, as per advertisement in the *Provincial Government Gazette* of the 24th instant, and to acquaint you that it is being taken under authority of the Gold Fields Act, 33rd section, and not under the system of deferred payments, as you seem to apprehend.

I have, &c.,

ALEXANDER WILLIS, Under Secretary.

Messrs. Cargill and Anderson, Dunedin.

(3. Messrs. Cargill and Anderson to His Honor the Superintendent.)

Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand, 15th January, 1874.

SIR,—We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Mr. Under Secretary Willis, in which he is directed to inform us that a block of 2800 acres on run No. 369, ordered by the Government to be surveyed into sections, is taken under authority of clause 33 of the "Gold Fields Act, 1866."

We have to call your attention to the provisions of the said clause, viz., that the land to be selected on any run shall not exceed 5000 acres, nor be selected in more than two separate blocks without the consent of the owner or lessee thereof; also, that when one-half of any selected block shall have been sold or leased, and shall be occupied *bona fide* for agricultural purposes, another block of similar extent may be selected and set apart upon the same run.

Two blocks are already taken up on this run for agricultural lease purposes; one at Teviot, containing 1160 acres, of which 403 are taken up; and the other, on Bald Hill Flat, containing 2046 acres, of which 942 are taken up under agricultural leases. A considerable portion of the land so taken up is not occupied *bona fide* for agricultural purposes, as may be ascertained through any intelligent officer of the Government who may be ordered to report on the same. Under these circumstances, we respectfully submit that the Government have no authority to take this land under clause 33 of the "Gold Fields Act, 1866."

We have to request that the contemplated sectional survey of the 2800 block be not proceeded with.

We have, &c.,

CARGILL AND ANDERSON.

To His Honor the Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

(4. *Secretary of Lands to B. C. Haggitt, Esq.*)

Secretary for Lands Office, Dunedin, 27th February, 1874.

SIR,—In reference to our conversation regarding an offer which you were authorised to make on the part of Messrs. Cargill and Anderson, viz.:—That they would offer no opposition to any of proposed blocks of land being taken by the Government, and would not require any compensation for the same, provided the Government would sell to them 10,000 acres, 6000 acres adjoining their former purchase, and 4000 acres along the Clutha River Reserve, at £1 per acre. I beg to inform you that the Government are not willing to entertain the proposal at present.

I have, &c.,

G. M. WEBSTER, Secretary for Lands.

B. C. Haggitt, Esq., Dunedin.

(5. *Secretary for Lands to George Ireland, Esq., M.P.C.*)

Provincial Government Offices, Dunedin, 17th February, 1874.

SIR,—I regret to have to inform you that in consequence of Messrs. Cargill and Anderson refusing to allow the block of 2800 acres on run 369 being opened for agricultural leases under the Gold Fields Act as being contrary to clause 33 of that Act, inasmuch as one-half of the selected blocks have not been sold, leased, or occupied, the Government are unable to carry out the wishes of the settlers in your district this year by proclaiming the same.

I have, &c.,

G. M. WEBSTER, Secretary for Lands.

George Ireland, M.P.C., Roxburgh.

(6. *Messrs. Cargill and Anderson to the Secretary for Lands.*)

Dunedin, 9th March, 1874.

SIR,—We have received from our solicitors a copy of your letter to them of the 17th February, 1874, in which you decline to entertain our proposal to deal with the Government under section 99A of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," for giving such parts of our run as are required by the Government for the purposes of settlement.

We have now only to intimate that we are advised that the Government cannot legally take any land on our run for agricultural blocks under the Gold Fields Act, or for deferred payment blocks under the Waste Lands Act without our consent, and to give you notice that until the Government are prepared to entertain our proposal we will not give our consent to the taking of any block on either of our runs, and will resist any attempt on the part of the Government to take a block by all legal means.

We have, &c.,

CARGILL AND ANDERSON.

To the Secretary for Lands, Otago.

(7. Under Secretary to Messrs. Cargill and Anderson.)

Secretary for Lands Office, Dunedin, 21st March, 1874.

GENTLEMEN,—I have been directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date quoted in the margin, (9th March, 1874) intimating that until the Government is prepared to entertain your proposal for giving up such parts of your runs as are required for purposes of settlement you will not give your consent to the taking of any block on either of your runs, &c.

I have, &c.,

ALEXANDER WILLIS, Under Secretary.

Messrs. Cargill and Anderson.

(8. Secretary of Roxburgh Committee to the Provincial Secretary.)

Roxburgh, March 10, 1874.

SIR,—At a meeting of committee last evening, I was instructed to communicate with you, expressing regret that being informed that Mr. Ireland, M.P.C. has received intimation from the Government, stating that the block of agricultural land, situate on run 369, promised to be thrown open by His Honor the Superintendent in the first place, and afterwards by Messrs. Turnbull and Bastings, which land was favorably reported upon by Mr. M'Kerrow, is not now to be opened up in terms of such promise, and to request that you would kindly favor them with the reasons for such unexpected and inconsistent proceedings.

Would you, also, kindly inform them when it is the intention of the Government to throw open the block of land on run No. 199, favorably reported upon by Mr. M'Kerrow, and long promised by Messrs. Turnbull and Bastings, to be thrown open on deferred payments.

Trusting that the Government will give every information on the subject to the Committee,

I have, &c.,

E. MORRISON, Secretary to the Committee.

To the Provincial Secretary, Dunedin.

(9. Under-Secretary to Secretary Roxburgh Committee.)

Provincial Secretary's Office, Dunedin, 18th April, 1874.

SIR,—I have been directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date quoted in the margin (10th March, 1874), relative to the opening of land for settlement on run 369, and in reply to inform you that the Government find they are not in a legal position to do so, and have endeavored, unsuccessfully, to make arrangements with the runholders, except upon terms to which they would not be warranted in agreeing.

In reference to a block on deferred payments on run 199, I am to point out that the sanction of the Provincial Council must be obtained before another block can be opened on that run; and to enable the Provincial Government to give its consent, it will be necessary that the legal quantity of land should have been taken up in the block already open for selection under that system.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

E. Morrison, Esq., Hon. Secretary Roxburgh Committee.

(10. Memorandum.)

[Under the deeds of covenant between Messrs. Cargill and Anderson and His Honor the Superintendent (which may be seen on application at the Land Office) the lessees agreed to allow 5000 acres to be taken off run 199, for occupation under the Agricultural Lease Regulations, and 5000 acres off run 369 for a similar purpose.]

**FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO LAND FOR SETTLEMENT
ON MESSRS. CARGILL AND ANDERSON'S RUNS.**

LAI'D UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MAY 28, 1874.

(11. *Geo. Ireland, Esq., M.P.C., to the Secretary for Lands.*)

Roxburgh, 3rd March, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 17th February, 1874, informing me that in consequence of the refusal of Messrs. Cargill and Anderson to allow the block of 2800 acres to be opened for settlement, as being contrary to clause 33 of the Gold Fields Act, the Government were unable to carry out the wishes of the settlers in this district.

Since the receipt of the communication with which you have honored me, I have made such inquiries as circumstances permitted in reference to the two blocks already opened on run 369, namely, the Spear Grass Flat block and the Roxburgh block. With respect to the former, I am told that more than one-half has been taken up, and is now in the possession of *bona fide* settlers, while with regard to the latter, I might say that every acre opened has long since been applied for. Under these circumstances, I am led to the conclusion that the Government must have been misinformed as to these blocks. If, however, such is not the case, perhaps you will kindly inform me what available proportion still remains unoccupied, or rather unapplied for, particularly on the Roxburgh block. Many in this district have been anxiously looking forward to an opportunity of acquiring a few acres of land on this run, and I trust the Government will not permit Messrs. Cargill and Anderson's objection to stand in the way of their so doing.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE IRELAND.

G. M. Webster, Esq., Secretary for Lands, Dunedin.

(12. *Memo. by Chief Surveyor.*)

Survey Office, Dunedin, 9th March, 1874.

MEMO. FOR DE. WEBSTER, SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

In reply to Mr. Ireland's letter of the 3rd instant, the following statement is made :—

	ACRES.
Block I.—Cairn Hill District (Spear Grass Flat), Run 369, cancelled in terms of 33rd section, "Gold Fields Act, 1866," (see <i>Provincial Gazette</i> , 23rd February, 1870.	2046
Leased, and applied for	918
Open for application	1128
Block II.—Teviot, cancelled as above	1160
Leased, and applied for	486
Balance (appropriated as under)	724
To Reserve for Recreation of Inhabitants of Roxburgh, Crown Granted, 13th October, 1872	300
Township of Roxburgh	160
Public Roads	30
Auriferous Belt between Main Road and Clutha River, for which no applications will be taken	234
	724
Open for application	0

It will be seen that in block I., Cairn Hill, one-half has not yet been taken up, and therefore the Government cannot, in terms of 33rd section "Gold Fields Act, 1866," open another block of similar size on the same run (369).

In block II. Teviot, it will be seen that of the 1160 acres originally cancelled and set apart for the

purpose of agricultural leasing, only 436 acres has in reality been so devoted—and of this the whole has been applied for and taken up, with the exception of about 10 acres, which has been refused. It will also appear that it is impossible that one-half of the original area can be sold or leased for agricultural purposes, seeing that 724 acres are reserved.

The Governor, in virtue of sec. 12, "Waste Lands Act, 1863," is empowered to make reserves for public purposes. The fact of his signing the Crown grant for 300 acres of recreation reserve seems to be in reality an exercise of this power.

The Provincial Solicitor will be able to advise as to whether this view is correct; and, also, if the Governor was advised to formally proclaim the township a reserve within the meaning of section 12. If the Superintendent could not then, under his delegation, proceed to the selection of another area of similar extent to the aggregate of leased (436 acres) and auriferous (234 acres) ground, viz.: 670 acres.

Or, presuming, only on the recreation reserve 300 acres, and roads 30 acres, could the Superintendent, under sec. 33 of "Gold Fields Act, 1866," proceed to selection of 330 acres?

JAMES M'KERROW, Chief Surveyor.

Executive Council (12), 12th March, 1874.—Resolved to obtain the opinion of the Provincial Solicitor on the point raised by Mr. M'Kerrow.

A. WILLIS, Under Secretary.

B. C. Haggitt, Esq.

(12. Opinion of Provincial Solicitor.)

I gather from Mr. Ireland's letter, and the Chief Surveyor's memo., that two separate blocks have been selected on run 369, under section 33, "Gold Fields Act, 1866":—

- 1st. A block of 2046 acres in extent, of which 918 acres have been virtually taken up under lease, leaving 1128 acres still open for application.
- 2nd. A block of 1160 acres in extent, of which 436 acres have been virtually taken up under lease, and 724 acres have been disposed of as follows:—

	ACRES.
Township of Roxburgh	160
Public Roads	30
Reserve for Recreation—Crown granted	300
Auriferous Belt, not intended to be leased for agricultural purposes	234

Leaving no land open for the purpose of granting agricultural leases.

The 33rd section of the Gold Fields Act is very clear in these respects, viz.:—

- 1st. That the land to be selected under it is to be set apart for the purpose of granting agricultural leases thereon and therefor.
- 2nd. That the land to be selected upon any single run is not to exceed 5000 acres, nor to be selected in more than two separate blocks without the consent of the licensee or lessee of the run.
- 3rd. That until one-half of a block, selected upon any run, is sold, or leased, and *bona fide* occupied for agricultural purposes, no other block can be selected upon the same run.
- 4th. That after one-half of a block so selected has been sold or leased, and *bona fide* occupied as aforesaid, another block of the same area may be selected and set apart upon the same run.

I assume that at the date of the passing of the "Gold Fields Act, 1866," run 369 was held under a license or lease for depasturing purposes, and this being conceded, my opinion is as follows:—

- 1stly. Although only 3206 acres in the whole have been selected on run 369, yet as this extent of land has been selected in two blocks, land to make up the 5000 acres cannot now be selected without the consent of the pastoral lessee.
- 2ndly. With regard to the 2046 acre block, so soon as 1023 acres shall have been sold or leased, and shall have been *bona fide* occupied for agricultural purposes, another block of not exceeding 2046 acres may be selected, but not until then.

3rdly. With regard to the 1160 acre block, the land having been selected and set apart for granting agricultural leases, there is no power, so far as I am aware, under which the Governor could legally reserve any part of it for purposes of recreation, or to form a township. Although perhaps this objection would not be open to the pastoral lessee if one-half of the block, or 580 acres, had been left open and actually leased or sold, and *bona fide* occupied for agricultural purposes.

If my view of the matter is correct these results necessarily follow :—

With regard to the 2046 acre block, that until 105 acres, in addition to the quantity already leased, have been taken up, and shall be *bona fide* occupied for agricultural purposes, no additional land can be taken in respect of that block.

With regard to the 1160 acre block, that, as by reason of a misapplication of part of the land in this block, the conditions, upon which alone the right to take another block of similar extent, depends, can never arise. No other land on this run can at any time hereafter be legally taken under the 33rd section in respect to the occupation of this block.

Section 12 of the "Waste Lands Act, 1858," referred to by Mr. M'Kerrow, does not extend to empower the Government to make reserves for purposes of public recreation, and even if it did it would not affect the present question.

The reserve must have been made by the Superintendent and Provincial Council under section 62 of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866."

Although I am not conscious that my opinion on the above question has been in the slightest degree influenced by the circumstance that my firm are solicitors for Messrs. Cargill and Anderson (the lessees of run 369), I think it right to mention the fact, in order that the Government may take other advice if they are not perfectly satisfied that my interpretation of the section is the only one which can be fairly placed upon it.

B. C. HAGGITT.

1st May, 1874.

Acclimatisation Society of Southland.

(STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF TRUSTEES UNDER "THE ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY OF SOUTHLAND GRANT ACT, 1869," FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1874.

LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, APRIL 29, 1874.

(Chairman of Trustees to the Provincial Treasurer)

Dun Alister, 10th April, 1874.

SIR,—In conformity with the provisions of the Southland Acclimatisation Grant Act, 1869, I have the honor to forward the enclosed copy of the account of the fund during the year ending 1st April current, in order that it may be laid before the Provincial Council in the ensuing Session.

I have, &c.,

J. A. R. MENZIES, Chairman of Trustees.

The Provincial Treasurer, Dunedin.

[Enclosure.]

Treasurer of the Southland Acclimatisation Society in account with Trustees under Southland Acclimatisation Land Grant Act, 1869, from 1st April, 1873, to 1st April 1874:—

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1873—April 1st.—Balance brought forward ...	432	2	6			
1874—Cash paid into account in error ...	4	7	0			
				436	9	6

EXPENDITURE.

1873—April.—Howard's expenses in bringing salmon ova from Port Chalmers ...	50	0	0			
Freight of ova by "Storm Bird" ...	53	10	0			
Galbraith and Hughes, conveyance of ova to pond	4	10	0			
Peters Ditto Ditto ...	5	5	0			
June.—Bouthron—Rearing-box for young fish	2	16	6			
1874—March.—Tapper, ironmongery ...	15	10	5			
Bain and Co., printing ...	3	19	9			
Craig and Gilmore ditto ...	3	17	3			
Perkins, clerical assistance ...	10	10	0			
Cowper and Wilson, wire netting, &c. ...	1	11	0			
Hayes, spirits of wine ...	0	10	6			
Richter, timber for ponds ...	1	1	6			
Young, cartage of ditto ...	1	5	0			
Hughes, conveyance to ponds ...	2	4	0			
Fielder, refund cash paid for advertising	1	16	6			
Subscription to "Land and Water" ...	1	16	0			
Brown, cartage ...	1	2	0			
Powell, conveyance to ponds ...	2	0	0			
Middleton, constructing new pond... ..	9	6	0			
Powell, board of Middleton while making pond ...	4	14	6			
Fielder, refund of cash, paid in error ...	4	7	0			
Howard, year's salary to 31st December, 1873 ...	200	0	0			
April 1.—Balance in hand ...	54	16	7			
				436	9	6

J. A. R. MENZIES, Chairman of Trustees.

7th April, 1874.

Correspondence respecting the Portraits of H.M. the Queen and late Prince Consort.

(LAID UPON THE TABLE BY MR. SPEAKER, APRIL 29, 1874.)

(1. TELEGRAM.—*Clerk of Council to Mr. Speaker.*)

Dunedin, December 3, 1873.

J. L. Gillies, Esq., Tokomairiro.

Mr. Cargill wishes pictures hung in Hall. Are you agreeable?

WM. E. SESSIONS.

(*Reply.*)

Tokomairiro, December 3, 1873.

W. E. Sessions, Clerk of Council, Dunedin.

If pictures presented to Province same as others, through me as Speaker of Council, will be allowed, not otherwise.

J. L. GILLIES.

(2. *Clerk of Council to E. B. Cargill, Esq.*)

Provincial Council Chambers, Dunedin, December 3, 1873.

Dear Sir,—Your wish to have the portraits of the Queen and late Prince Consort hung in the Council Hall, having been communicated to me by the messenger, I, this morning, telegraphed to Mr. Speaker, asking if he would consent to their being so hung. From his reply, it appears that before granting permission he is desirous of receiving, as Speaker of the Council, some official intimation of their presentation to the Province.

I am, &c.,

WM. E. SESSIONS, Clerk of Council.

E. B. Cargill, Esq.

(3. *Clerk of Council to E. B. Cargill, Esq.*)

Provincial Council Chambers, Dunedin, 8th December, 1873.

Dear Sir,—Referring to my note to you of the 3rd instant, relative to the portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and the late Prince Consort, and to the subsequent removal of the portraits from the Provincial Council Chambers, I beg most respectfully to hand you the enclosed copy of a communication on the subject, received by me this day from Mr. Speaker. I do so at Mr. Speaker's desire; and I can only express regret that any misunderstanding should have resulted in the removal of the pictures from the Council Hall.

I am, &c.,

WM. E. SESSIONS, Clerk of Council.

E. B. Cargill, Esq.

P.S.—I should, perhaps, have mentioned that, previous to writing the note of the 3rd instant, I called twice at your office for the purpose of seeing you personally on the subject, but on each occasion was unfortunate in calling at a time when you were not in.—WM. E. S.

[Enclosure with No. 3.]

(*Mr. Speaker to Clerk of Council.*)

Milton, 6th December, 1873.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of yours of yesterday's date, informing me that the Superintendent's messenger was sent to remove the portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Albert to the University Hall, to which of course I could not urge the slightest objection, not having been personally communicated with in regard to their being brought to the Provincial Council Hall.

I regret to learn that it should be reported that Mr. Cargill felt insulted by my refusing to allow the pictures to be hung in the Provincial Council Hall without first having some written communication in regard thereto sent to me, so that I might have some data before me to form a judgment upon, and to justify me in giving consent. I would desire you to assure Mr. Cargill that there was no desire on my part to insult him, but respectfully remind him that I am only custodian of the Hall during the recess, and for what I allow or disallow I am amenable to the Council when it meets. I know nothing of the terms upon which the pictures were sought to be hung in the Hall, and was only aware from public rumor that they had been, or were to be presented to the Province.

I may simply remark, in conclusion, that I am very indifferent to any neglect of the ordinary courtesies of life to myself as a private individual, although I study to observe them towards others; but in regard to the office I hold *pro tem.* my own feelings are not to be consulted in the matter.

Yours truly,

JOHN L. GILLIES, Speaker.

P.S.—You may inform Mr. Cargill also that I have not had any communication in regard to the pictures from his Honor the Superintendent.—J.L.G.

(4. *E. B. Cargill, Esq., to Clerk of Council.*)

Dunedin, 8th December, 1873.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of to-day, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Speaker. I should apologise for not having replied to your letter of the 3rd instant. Had I done so, and explained the position of my brother and myself in reference to the portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and the late Prince Consort, it might have prevented Mr. Speaker's falling into error, as he has evidently done. But the fact is, that on receipt of your letter I forwarded it at once to his Honor the Superintendent, as on presenting the pictures to the Province we had left it to the Government to choose the place where they should be hung, and therefore any difficulty which occurred fell to be dealt with by the Superintendent and not by us. The pictures were taken possession of by Government from the ship, and we had nothing to do with their being sent to the Council Hall beyond our silent assent.

I confess to having felt a little surprised at the official difficulty which you communicated to me, but I certainly did not feel insulted, and I am sure I have never made any remark which would justify any one in so reporting of me; and I am authorised to say the same for my brother.

I remain, &c.,

E. B. CARGILL.

Wm. E. Sessions, Esq., Clerk to the Provincial Council.

(5. *Clerk of Council to E. B. Cargill, Esq.*)

Provincial Council Chambers, Dunedin, 9th December, 1873.

E. B. Cargill, Esq., Dunedin.

Dear Sir,—I have to thank you for the information conveyed in yours of yesterday's date, in reply to mine of same date, relative to the portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and late Prince Consort. It is apparent that an error has occurred, and I shall at once forward to Mr. Speaker a copy of your letter, the explanation contained in which will, I have no doubt, be perfectly satisfactory to him.

Regretting the mistake, and the unnecessary trouble it has occasioned you,

I remain, &c.,

WM. E. SESSIONS, Clerk of the Council.

Correspondence Relative to Oamaru Harbour Works.

TRANSMITTED WITH MESSAGE No. 11, MAY 19, 1874

(1. *The Engineer to Chairman of Dock Trust.*)

Ratray-street, Dunedin, April 27, 1874.

Sir,—I have the honor to report that, in accordance with resolution passed at the last meeting of the Trust, I have again examined the Harbour Works with the view of designing a Wharf inside the breakwater for the purpose of providing shipping accommodation, and at the same time not to interfere with the progress of the breakwater.

The enclosed tracing shows the position of the wharf in relation to the breakwater, and is arranged so as to obtain a depth of 12 feet at low water of a spring tide, and 18 feet at high tide. It starts at a distance of 186 feet from the shore end, and runs for a distance of 150 feet, forming an angle of 53 degrees with the inside line of breakwater. It is then carried another 150 feet on the 12 feet line, nearly parallel to the reef, and is at present intended to be left with a free end, so as to admit of small crafts coming inside.

This wharf would accommodate four vessels of moderate size—two outside and two inside—where the work of loading and unloading in good weather could be carried on without in any way interfering with the progress of the breakwater.

I propose to construct the wharf with concrete cylinders, 4ft. 6in. diameter, placed 12 feet apart, braced together above low water line, and covered with a timber superstructure. It may ultimately be found desirable to connect the cylinders by blocks of concrete, and form a solid wall, but I do not think this is necessary in the meantime.

Working plans and specifications will be prepared as soon as possible, and submitted to the Trust, along with a detailed estimate of the cost; but as a guide, for the purpose of providing funds for this special work, I have prepared an approximate estimate, and am of opinion that it will cost about £3500.

I have, &c.,

JOHN M'GREGOR, Engineer.

To the Chairman of the Oamaru Dock Trust.

(2. *Resolutions passed at Meeting of Oamaru Dock Trust, April 29, 1874.*)

- 1st. That in view of the urgent necessity of wharfage accommodation to meet the increasing trade of the port, and to provide for the shipment of stone, it is desirable that wharfage be constructed without delay, with a depth of not less than 13ft. water at low tide.
- 2nd. That the Engineer's plan be affirmed, but that the works be carried out so as to give the depth of water before mentioned, viz., by erecting the wharfage in the line of the 13ft. soundings.
- 3rd. That in order to provide funds without encroaching upon the sum available for the breakwater, application be made to the Provincial Government for an advance, by way of a loan, to an amount not exceeding £5000.
- 4th. That the Chairman, Mr. Ashcroft, and Mr. J. W. Steward, be requested to wait upon the Government with a view to obtaining their consent to the arrangement proposed.

(3. *Capt. Sewell to Chairman of Dock Trust.*)

Oamaru, 1st May, 1874.

Sir,—In compliance with the request of the Dock Trust that I should give an opinion as to the proposed wharfage for the Harbour of Oamaru—

I now beg to state that I quite concur in the generally expressed opinion that it is now time that wharfage accommodation should be provided for the shipping visiting this port.

As by the time a wharf can be constructed the sea wall will be so far advanced that vessels at the wharf would be protected, and could be moored so as to ride there in all weathers, and loading and unloading could be carried on from the wharf at all times excepting during the heaviest easterly seas.

As it is proposed to construct the wharf of costly and durable material, I would recommend that it be constructed in a position to the north, or outside that shown on Mr. M'Gregor's tracing, and not having less on its north or outer side than fourteen feet water at low water spring tides; it would then be available for coal vessels and steamers up to 300 tons, whilst the inner side could be used for vessels of less tonnage.

With reference to mooring vessels inside the sea wall, and at the wharf, I would suggest that sufficiently strong mooring rings, attached to chain cable, be built into the wall, at intervals, as the wall progresses, for the above purpose, as any mooring post projecting above the top of the wall will be in the way of the machinery used for its construction.

I am, &c.,

WM. SEWELL, Deputy Harbour Master.

To the Chairman of the Oamaru Dock Trust.

(4. *Memoranda for His Honor the Superintendent.*)

Referring to the interview of the deputation with your Honor to-day on the above subject, the deputation beg to present your Honor the following memoranda:—

1. The question of wharfage is one requiring immediate attention for the following reasons:

- (a.) A large quantity of building stone awaits shipment, and cannot, in the absence of the facilities proposed, be shipped.
- (b.) The present trade of Oamaru is weighted in shipping and landing charges to the extent of £10,000 per annum.
- (c.) No revenue can be derived by the Harbour Trust (proposed to be constituted) until wharfage is provided.
- (d.) Wharfage may be constructed for an expenditure of £3500 to £5000 (vide report of J. M'Gregor, Esq., C.E.)
- (e.) If plan proposed be carried out all the trade of the port could be carried on at the wharf, with the aid of occasional boating.
- (f.) The wharfage proposed will be sheltered by the breakwater; to carry out which, the further distance of 150ft., the Trust has funds at its disposal, but hopes to be enabled, by the assistance of the Province, to carry out the work 500ft. still further, say 1000ft. in all.

2. The deputation, while pointing out the necessity of attention to the smaller question of wharfage, wish also to impress upon the Government the great importance of providing sufficient funds to complete the breakwater itself. A careful estimate renders it apparent that £50,000 will be required to do this efficiently, and the Trust, if constituted a Harbour Board, with power to levy dues, it will have, even reducing the cost of landing and shipment by one-half, £5000 per annum—an ample sum to provide interest and sinking fund for a loan. This is at the present rate of imports and exports, while the latter will be very largely increased by the facilities for shipping stone. The Trust have also a valuable property which on building lease, will bring in a revenue, of say, £1000 a-year. If, in view of these facts, the Provincial Guarantee can be obtained (collateral), with the sanction of the Assembly, for a loan, the Trust will, obviously, be able to obtain the money at the cheapest rate, while the Province will be running no risk, as the work has proceeded so far, and has stood the test of heavy seas so satisfactorily, as to leave no doubt of its permanence.

3. Mr. Haggitt will be instructed to prepare Bills to be submitted, with the approval of the Government, to the Provincial Council:—(1.) To amend the present Dock Trust Ordinance. (2.) To constitute the Trust a Harbour Board under "The Harbour Boards Act, 1870," which it is hoped the Government will introduce as Government measures.

Should the assistance of the Provincial Council be obtained, a Bill will be brought in at the next Session of the General Assembly to carry out the objects before referred to.

It will be understood from the foregoing that in any event the Trust consider that the erection of

wharfage must be at once proceeded with, and not made contingent upon the £50,000 loan, though if the latter be obtained, the advance voted by the Council for wharfage would be repaid thereout.

Memo.—The tonnage shipped and landed at Oamaru for the year ending March, 1873 was 24,000 tons. For this year it will not be less than 30,000 tons, and, if stone could be shipped, would reach fully 40,000 tons.

WM. J. STEWARD, } Deputation from Oamaru
JAMES ASHCROFT, } Dock Trust.

Dunedin, 14th May, 1874.

Road---Oamaru to Lindis.

(RETURN SHOWING AMOUNT SPENT OUT OF VOTE "OAMARU TO LINDIS" BETWEEN MAEREWHENUA AND LINDIS, &c.

ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. SUMPTER, MAY 13, AND LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, JUNE 2, 1874.

Memo. for Provincial Engineer.

The amount of money expended out of vote "Oamaru to Lindis," between the Maerewhenua River and Lindis, is £128 15s.

This amount was expended in effecting the necessary repairs upon the road by means of day labor—surfacemen.

Owing to the shingly nature of the soil, which the greater portion of the road traverses, the surface does not break up to any extent, and the mode which has as yet been adopted is to pass a gang of men through its entire length, during the summer months.

GEORGE S. DUNCAN.

30th May, 1874

For the information of the Secretary for Works.

D. L. SIMPSON, Provincial Engineer.

30th May, 1874.

Return of Unsold Available Lands in the Hundreds of Southland.

(ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. LUMSDEN, APRIL 30, AND LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE
PROVINCIAL TREASURER, MAY 18, 1874.)

INVERCARGILL HUNDRED.				INVERCARGILL HUNDRED—Continued.											
SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.			SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.		
		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.			A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
18	X.	76	2	13				Brought forward...				3746	1	3	
20	"	78	1	21				9	XVI.	95	3	33			
24	"	77	2	32				10	"	81	2	21			
25	"	77	1	16				11	"	81	2	32			
26	"	77	1	16				12	"	81	2	32			
27	"	77	1	16				14	"	83	1	5			
28	"	77	1	16				15	"	75	3	17			
29	"	79	0	32				17	"	64	2	18			
30	"	79	1	16				18	"	53	1	11			
31	"	79	1	16				19	"	93	1	9			
32	"	80	2	22				21	"	80	0	16			
33	"	80	2	22				23	"	80	0	16			
34	"	80	2	22				25	"	80	0	16			
35	"	80	2	22				26	"	63	2	16			
36	"	80	2	22				27	"	80	0	16			
37	"	80	2	22				28	"	70	0	0			
38	"	80	2	22				29	"	75	0	16			
39	"	78	0	29				34	"	95	1	22			
40	"	68	3	31				35	"	104	2	10			
					1491	2	8	36	"	109	0	13			
7	XI.	81	3	24								1549	1	39	
8	"	83	3	16				8	XVII.	57	0	36			
9	"	83	3	16				1	XVIII.	120	2	9			
10	"	83	1	33				2	"	80	0	0			
11	"	83	1	9				3	"	80	0	0			
12	"	82	3	34				4	"	80	0	0			
13	"	78	2	13								360	2	9	
28	"	80	0	0				16	XX.	8	0	29			
33	"	76	0	0				17	"	16	3	0			
35	"	85	0	16				18	"	30	2	21			
38	"	77	2	24				19	"	31	1	0			
52	"	80	0	24				20	"	35	0	0			
					976	3	9	21	"	29	1	0			
2	XII.	83	1	0				22	"	16	1	0			
3	"	69	0	0				23	"	18	3	0			
4	"	74	0	0				24	"	20	0	0			
12	"	73	0	0				25	"	21	3	0			
13	"	68	2	0				26	"	20	0	0			
14	"	72	2	0				27	"	23	3	0			
15	"	70	0	0				28	"	31	1	17			
16	"	74	0	0				29	"	59	1	32			
17	"	74	0	0				48	"	37	2	16			
23	"	67	3	0								399	3	35	
24	"	70	3	0				1	XXI.	53	1	37			
25	"	74	0	0				2	"	54	0	12			
26	"	74	0	0				3	"	54	3	10			
27	"	73	0	39				4	"	46	3	24			
					1017	3	39	5	"	31	2	14			
17	XIV.	80	3	4				6	"	43	2	11			
18	"	86	4	19				7	"	57	3	25			
19	"	93	0	4											
					259	3	27								
Carry forward...					3746	1	3	Carry forward...		342	1	13	6113	2	2

INVERCARGILL HUNDRED—Continued.

SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.		
		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Brought forward...		342	1	13	6113	2	2
8	XXI.	49	1	10			
9	"	69	0	21			
10	"	52	3	0			
11	"	78	1	17			
					591	3	21
					6705	1	23

CAMPBELLTOWN HUNDRED—Continued.

SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.		
		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Brought forward...		101	0	7	3491	2	23
6	V.	34	1	36			
7	"	42	0	0			
8	"	37	2	2			
25	"	44	2	20			
42	"	94	2	2			
43	"	135	0	10			
44	"	99	1	32			
45	"	96	2	4			
46	"	99	1	32			
47	"	120	0	0			
48	"	182	2	28			
54	"	74	0	8			
55	"	114	2	6			
56	"	71	3	25			
57	"	71	3	25			
58	"	78	3	18			
59	"	76	2	7			
60	"	84	1	20			
61	"	96	3	0			
62	"	88	3	7			
					1745	0	9
					5236	2	32

CAMPBELLTOWN HUNDRED.

SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.
		A.	R.	P.	
1	II.	50	2	16	484 3 30
7	"	76	2	0	
8	"	96	0	0	
9	"	93	1	30	
12	"	128	1	24	
21	"	40	0	0	
1	III.	75	3	0	
2	"	76	3	11	
3	"	52	0	33	
4	"	54	0	36	
5	"	62	3	34	
6	"	72	1	24	
7	"	81	2	18	
8	"	97	1	30	
9	"	92	2	7	
10	"	85	0	0	
11	"	85	0	0	
12	"	85	0	0	
13	"	79	3	24	
14	"	125	2	7	
17	"	110	0	0	
18	"	110	0	0	
19	"	110	0	0	
20	"	101	3	22	
21	"	83	3	10	
22	"	80	3	1	
23	"	74	0	10	
24	"	82	2	0	
25	"	82	2	0	
26	"	82	2	0	
27	"	82	2	0	
28	"	82	2	0	
29	"	75	0	38	
30B	"	58	1	25	
34	"	43	0	24	
35	"	36	3	4	
36	"	55	1	3	
37	"	73	3	2	
38	"	92	1	5	
41	"	91	3	29	
42	"	98	0	24	
43	"	93	0	36	
44	"	79	0	16	
					3006 2 33
3	V.	35	2	26	
4	"	31	0	32	
5	"	34	0	29	
Carry forward...		101	0	7	3491 2 23

OTERAMIKA HUNDRED.

SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.
		A.	R.	P.	
17	I.	64	0	10	1170 2 37
27	"	129	2	16	
28	"	96	0	17	
29	"	96	0	17	
30	"	96	0	17	
31	"	91	2	17	
32	"	62	3	38	
33	"	77	3	14	
34	"	97	2	35	
35	"	104	1	15	
36	"	107	1	24	
37	"	100	2	29	
57	"	46	0	28	
1	II.	105	1	24	
2	"	98	1	25	
3	"	74	0	35	
4	"	77	2	9	
5	"	88	3	3	
6	"	95	1	15	
7	"	83	1	30	
8	"	94	3	22	
9	"	45	3	24	
10	"	81	1	14	
11	"	103	0	0	
14	"	78	3	28	
15	"	83	2	11	
22	"	104	3	24	
23	"	106	2	23	
24	"	102	1	28	
25	"	95	2	3	
26	"	109	1	15	
Carry forward...		1629	2	14	1170 2 37

OTERAMIKA HUNDRED—Continued.

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SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.			SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.		
		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.			A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Brought forward...		1629	2	14	1170	2	37	Brought forward...		1041	3	2	7130	3	26
29	II.	93	1	31				12	V.	96	0	10			
30	"	77	2	7				13	"	113	0	14			
31	"	93	3	39				14	"	113	0	14			
32	"	93	3	5				15	"	112	2	6			
35	"	56	2	34				16	"	107	2	0			
36	"	82	3	17				17	"	107	2	0			
					2127	3	27	18	"	106	3	36			
30	III.	100	0	23				19	"	112	3	9			
31	"	102	1	4				20	"	107	2	0			
32	"	69	3	0				21	"	106	3	30			
33	"	61	3	1				22	"	80	2	32			
34	"	92	2	20				23	"	106	3	36			
39	"	58	2	32				24	"	53	3	35			
41	"	100	0	0				25	"	106	3	36			
42	"	86	0	0				26	"	106	3	36			
43	"	100	0	0				27	"	105	1	4			
44	"	100	0	0				28	"	88	0	33			
45	"	100	0	0				29	"	73	1	30			
46	"	100	0	0				30	"	91	3	17			
47	"	100	0	0				31	"	91	3	17			
48	"	100	0	0				32	"	106	1	26			
49	"	100	0	0				33	"	71	3	32			
50	"	100	0	0				36	"	73	0	14			
51	"	85	1	17				37	"	76	3	30			
52	"	105	2	21				38	"	76	3	30			
53	"	85	2	36				39	"	80	2	15			
54	"	95	2	35				40	"	95	2	15			
55	"	87	2	22				41	"	91	1	12			
56	"	99	1	20				42	"	77	1	39			
57	"	101	1	18				43	"	72	0	0			
58	"	66	1	25				44	"	66	3	35			
59	"	79	1	2				45	"	59	0	5			
60	"	78	2	32				46	"	75	2	1			
61	"	85	0	11				47	"	53	3	17			
62	"	94	0	19				48	"	103	2	27			
63	"	77	3	18				49	"	100	3	14			
64	"	54	3	15				50	"	113	3	21			
66	"	72	2	22				51	"	102	3	11			
67	"	102	2	0				52	"	98	0	25			
68	"	110	0	13				53	"	108	2	35			
69	"	102	2	0				54	"	94	2	35			
70	"	102	2	0				55	"	98	0	25			
71	"	110	0	2				56	"	78	2	4			
					3268	2	8	57	"	86	3	36			
5	IV.	94	2	20				58	"	86	3	36			
7	"	97	9	28				59	"	78	2	4			
8	"	87	3	8				60	"	66	1	9			
9	"	86	2	38				61	"	73	1	30			
10	"	105	2	33				62	"	92	3	5			
11	"	91	2	27				63	"	97	1	11			
					563	2	34	64	"	93	3	9			
1	V.	107	2	0				65	"	101	2	26			
2	"	107	2	0				66	"	101	2	26			
4	"	107	2	0				67	"	103	3	9			
5	"	107	2	0				68	"	70	3	24			
6	"	107	2	0				69	"	86	1	25			
7	"	107	2	0				70	"	109	3	1			
8	"	107	2	0				71	"	101	2	26			
9	"	106	3	36				72	"	101	2	26			
10	"	91	0	23				73	"	101	2	26			
11	"	91	0	23				74	"	101	2	26			
								75	"	94	0	28			
Carry forward...		1041	3	2	7130	3	26	76	"	74	3	16			
								77	"	79	0	9			
								Carry forward...		6912	3	29	7130	3	26

OTERAMIKA HUNDRED—Continued.					OTERAMIKA HUNDRED—Continued.																
SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS:			SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.								
		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.			A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.						
Brought forward...		6912	3	29	7130	3	26	Brought forward...		1333	3	13	18219	1	15						
78	V.	74	2	30	7206	1	26	24	IX.	95	3	23	2508	1	18						
79	"	94	1	28				25	"	111	0	0									
80	"	66	2	31				30	"	122	1	0									
81	"	57	2	28				31	"	103	0	10									
								32	"	109	1	2									
								33	"	98	2	39									
								34	"	82	0	7									
								35	"	72	3	16									
								37	"	99	3	36									
								38	"	92	3	0									
2	VII.	96	0	0	3882	0	3	39	"	87	1	12	19440	0	0						
3	"	96	2	34				40	"	99	1	20									
4	"	99	2	20				Unsurveyed				2508	1	18	19440	0	0
5	"	118	0	5												40167	2	33			
6	"	104	2	12				LOTHIAN HUNDRED.													
7	"	96	3	11				17	I.	83	2	19				255	0	6			
8	"	95	1	36				20	"	83	2	19									
9	"	99	3	31				21	"	87	3	8									
10	"	107	3	28				20	II.	98	2	36				1501	3	25			
11	"	97	0	25				21	"	81	0	6									
12	"	80	1	23				22	"	59	0	14									
13	"	86	3	29				23	"	106	0	3									
14	"	94	0	21				24	"	106	0	12									
15	"	114	2	24				25	"	132	2	22									
16	"	110	3	8				26	"	75	2	0									
17	"	113	0	19				27	"	86	0	38									
18	"	105	2	8				28	"	83	0	6									
19	"	131	1	13				29	"	79	2	2									
20	"	96	0	18				30	"												
21	"	95	0	3				31	"												
22	"	89	2	39	34	"															
23	"	80	2	9	35	"															
24	"	85	2	1	36	"	594	0	0												
25	"	97	1	20	37	"															
26	"	93	1	19	38	"															
27	"	88	3	23	39	"															
28	"	89	2	3	40	"															
29	"	100	2	4	9	III.	109	0	29	847	1	38									
30	"	104	1	25	22	"	84	2	36												
31	"	109	3	14	23	"	123	2	32												
32	"	100	3	38	24	"	134	0	7												
33	"	83	2	1	25	"	96	3	15												
35	"	105	2	19	26	"	154	0	15												
36	"	122	2	33	27	"	139	3	24												
37	"	107	3	24	10	IV.	126	0	6												
38	"	94	1	30	11	"	145	0	13												
39	"	83	1	34	12	"	109	1	7												
40	"	63	2	14	13	"	92	2	37												
41	"	82	2	6	14	"	89	1	10												
42	"	61	0	39	15	"	104	3	39												
					16	"	80	3	9												
1	IX.	78	0	16	17	"				2604	1	29									
4	"	93	3	11	9	III.	109	0	29												
6	"	92	1	26	22	"	84	2	36												
7	"	99	0	19	23	"	123	2	32												
8	"	91	2	30	24	"	134	0	7												
9	"	83	1	16	25	"	96	3	15												
10	"	70	1	21	26	"	154	0	15												
11	"	72	3	2	27	"	139	3	24												
12	"	78	2	8	10	IV.	126	0	6												
17	"	67	0	3	11	"	145	0	13												
18	"	19	2	2	12	"	109	1	7												
19	"	91	2	30	13	"	92	2	37												
20	"	107	3	19	14	"	89	1	10												
21	"	104	1	16	15	"	104	3	39												
22	"	99	2	9	16	"	80	3	9												
23	"	83	2	25	17	"															
Carry forward...		1333	3	13	18219	1	15	Carry forward...		748	1	1	2604	1	29						

LOTHIAN HUNDRED—Continued.					MABEL HUNDRED—Continued.										
SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.			SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.		
Brought forward...		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	Brought forward...		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
		748	1	1	2604	1	29			1136	2	2	3253	3	36
18	IV.	87	3	6				21	V.	41	3	17			
19	"	71	3	37				22	"	123	1	24			
20	"	97	2	16									1301	3	3
21	"	76	3	2											
					1082	1	22						4555	2	39
					3686	3	11								
LINDHURST HUNDRED.															
								1	I.	94	3	38			
								2	"	81	1	17			
								7	"	80	1	30			
								8	"	93	3	26			
								9	"	93	1	24			
								10	"	69	0	36			
								11	"	72	3	6			
								16	"	86	1	1			
								17	"	93	0	32			
								19	"	86	1	1			
								20	"	93	0	32			
								21	"	112	0	0			
								22	"	77	0	35			
								32	"	137	2	32			
								34	"	91	2	0			
								35	"	95	0	14			
								36	"	95	2	32			
								37	"	145	3	3			
								38	"	89	1	24			
								39	"	54	0	22			
								40	"	106	2	8			
								41	"	60	0	0			
								42	"	86	1	0			
								43	"	104	2	0			
								44	"	122	2	0			
								45	"	98	0	0			
								46	"	102	3	24			
								47	"	102	2	0			
								48	"	125	0	0			
								49	"	132	2	20			
													2884	1	17
								Land Unsurveyed		...	...		20500	0	0
													23384	1	17
NEW RIVER HUNDRED.															
								1	IV.	214	1	14			
								2	"	208	0	0			
								3	"	205	0	0			
								4	"	200	0	0			
								5	"	200	0	0			
								6	"	200	0	0			
								7	"	191	0	32			
													1418	2	6
								9	"	119	3	11			
								10	"	120	0	0			
								11	"	120	0	0			
								15	"	132	0	0			
													491	3	11
Carry forward...		1136	2	2	3253	3	36	Carry forward...					1910	1	17

NEW RIVER HUNDRED—Continued.							NEW RIVER HUNDRED—Continued.								
SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.			SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.		
		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.			A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Brought forward...					1910	1	17	Brought forward...		1745	3	29	5106	0	8
1	VIII.	78	0	0				22	XV.	93	3	13			
2	"	80	0	29								1839	3	12	
3	"	80	0	29								3400	0	0	
4	"	80	0	29				Land Unsurveyed							
28	"	76	2	0								10345	3	20	
32	"	78	1	6											
33	"	80	0	26											
46	"	80	0	26											
47	"	82	1	26											
48	"	80	0	26											
49	"	78	0	2											
53	"	80	0	28											
54	"	80	0	28											
62	"	80	0	28											
80	"	78	2	28											
81	"	79	2	28											
82	"	78	3	12											
83	"	78	1	28											
84	"	78	1	28	1508	3	5								
44	IX.	58	0	32											
64	"	85	0	0											
65	"	84	2	0											
66	"	85	2	0											
70	"	81	1	22	394	2	14								
4	X.	80	0	4											
35	"	80	0	4											
36	"	80	0	4	240	0	12								
11	XI.	95	1	7											
29	"	155	3	31											
30	"	169	3	20											
31	"	154	3	27											
37	"	102	3	14											
40	"	90	0	12											
41	"	90	0	12											
43	"	88	3	12	947	3	15								
7	XIII.	104	1	25	104	1	25								
1	XV.	149	2	33											
2	"	85	0	16											
3	"	92	1	4											
4	"	130	0	35											
7	"	137	3	3											
8	"	120	3	32											
9A	"	159	2	31											
10	"	91	0	37											
11	"	96	2	20											
12A	"	46	0	20											
13	"	57	2	26											
14	"	59	0	5											
15	"	60	1	23											
16	"	61	3	2											
17	"	67	0	19											
18	"	71	3	0											
19	"	75	2	23											
20	"	81	3	30											
21	"	101	0	0											
Carry forward...		1745	3	29	5106	0	8	Carry forward...					1877	1	23

WINTON HUNDRED.

JACOB'S RIVER HUNDRED.

JACOB'S RIVER HUNDRED—Continued.					JACOB'S RIVER HUNDRED—Continued.										
SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.			SECTION	BLOCK.	AREA.			TOTALS.		
		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.			A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Brought forward...					1877	1	23	Brought forward...					5664	3	1
15	III.	88	2	32				Land Unsurveyed					520	0	0
30	"	97	0	4	185	2	36					6184	3	1	
12	VII.	86	0	5				APARIMA HUNDRED.							
13	"	84	2	29	170	2	34	48	II.	72	0	29			
1 of 2	X.	36	3	19									72	0	29
3	"	80	0	38				12	III.	35	0	37			
27	"	79	2	37				36	"	117	0	13			
32	"	82	1	19				48	"	129	1	7			
33	"	103	2	3				50	"	187	3	27			
34	"	60	0	34									469	2	4
56	"	96	0	31				3	IV.	103	3	31			
57	"	109	2	25	648	3	6	6	"	151	3	20			
4	XI.	90	1	36				32	"	193	0	19			
6	"	110	1	9				33	"	192	1	27			
25	"	74	2	28				34	"	150	2	38			
24	"	50	0	5				40	"	102	3	37			
27	"	60	0	10				41	"	109	0	11			
32	"	76	2	17				42	"	108	0	21			
33	"	65	1	23				43	"	124	0	10			
46	"	69	3	32	603	2	0	44	"	111	1	24			
12	XIV.	149	3	8				46	"	128	3	30			
13	"	112	3	21				48	"	117	3	18			
14	"	111	1	25				49	"	155	1	35			
40	"	98	3	14				50	"	137	1	19			
41	"	105	3	5				51	"	137	2	37			
42	"	115	0	5									2024	3	17
43	"	101	2	1									2566	2	10
44	"	127	0	12											
45	"	127	2	7	1049	3	18								
5	XV.	86	1	34	86	1	34	MATAURA HUNDRED.							
1	XVI.	79	1	18				Block IV. ...	...	...	...	1091	0	0	
2	"	358	2	16				ORETI HUNDRED.							
11	"	225	3	32				Unsurveyed	...	...	...	28,440	0	0	
12	"	200	0	2				FOREST HILL HUNDRED.							
13	"	178	1	22	1042	1	10	Unsurveyed	...	...	...	28,550	0	0	
Carry forward...					5664	3	1								

NOTE.—Total of land for sale in Hundreds is 199,865 acres; of this, 35,366 acres is considered sand waste and unavailable; leaving 164,499 acres—the total of this Return—as actual saleable land in the Hundreds of the Southland District, including the extended District.

WALTER H. PEARSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands Office, Invercargill, 16th May, 1874.

SUMMARY OF TOTALS OF EACH HUNDRED.

					A.	R.	P.
Invercargill Hundred	...	...	...	...	6705	1	23
Campbelltown "	...	...	...	...	5236	2	32
Oteramika "	...	...	...	...	40167	2	33
Lothian "	...	...	...	...	3686	3	11
Mabel "	...	...	...	...	4555	2	39
Lindhurst "	...	...	...	...	23384	1	17
New River "	...	...	...	...	10345	3	20
Winton "	...	...	...	...	3584	2	1
Jacob's River "	...	...	...	...	6184	3	1
Aparima "	...	...	...	...	2566	2	10
Mataura "	...	...	...	...	1091	0	0
Oreti "	...	...	...	...	28440	0	0
Forest Hill "	...	...	...	...	28550	0	0
Grand Total	...	...	...	...	164,499	1	27

RETURN OF MINING AND MINERAL LEASES.

(ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. R. CLARKE, MAY 5, AND LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, JUNE 11, 1874.)

RETURN showing the number, acreage, and amount paid under mining and mineral leases during the twelve months ending 31st March, 1874.

DISTRICT.	NO.	ACREAGE.	AMOUNT PAID.	REMARKS.
Dunstan, Blacks, and Alexandra	24	202 1 29	301 5 0	} This includes 80 acres held by the Moke Creek Copper Co., for which rent has not been paid.
Tuapeka	43	252 0 4	421 16 6	
Mount Ida and St. Bathans	54	447 2 39	1037 10 0	
Switzers	2	16 0 32	35 16 8	
Queenstown	...	459 0 0	847 9 4	
Arrow	...	34 2 0	51 5 0	

ALEX. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

GOLD RECEIVED PER ESCORT FOR THE YEAR 1873-4.

RETURN SHEWING THE QUANTITIES OF GOLD RECEIVED PER ESCORT FROM THE UNDERMENTIONED FIELDS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st MARCH, 1874.

(LAID UPON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MAY 29, 1874.)

GOLD FIELD.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September	October.	November	December.	January.	February.	March.	TOTAL.
	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.	oz. dwt.
Alexandra	710 0	490 4	336 2	529 11	534 10	623 0	607 14	602 0	663 13	379 16	396 18	332 0	6210 8
Arrow	859 1	731 10	508 4	253 9	612 0	848 18	797 11	569 4	1165 3	590 17	522 9	785 8	8243 14
Blacks	520 0	600 0	600 0	500 0	1000 0	750 0	1017 3	1200 0	2517 9	425 1	600 0	250 0	10009 13
Cardrona	414 6	434 11	261 2	531 2	400 1	503 18	159 8	822 15	539 6	534 2	338 0	236 5	5274 16
Clyde	500 0	500 0	250 0	170 0	...	250 0	170 0	200 0	350 0	125 0	134 1	500 0	3149 1
Cromwell	1776 4	1402 1	2085 13	1498 16	1506 2	3038 3	1557 11	2021 14	4134 19	978 5	1619 3	2193 1	23811 12
Dunstan Creek	230 0	193 2	508 0	...	550 0	600 0	260 0	290 0	1100 0	450 0	225 0	...	4406 2
Lawrence	2122 16	912 7	1736 5	2119	1239 9	1915 9	1673 10	1675 9	2393 11	1037 18	616 19	862 11	18305 4
Macraes	106 2	106 14	169 2	65 11	83 15	137 4	114 13	130 3	151 11	91 14	83 8	...	1240 2
Mount Ida	661 5	1192 16	1489 7	708 5	756 18	1190 18	1404 9	1797 9	3033 8	1142 0	498 5	760 16	14635 16
Palmerston	100 1	46 18	139 0	35 1	26 9	109 1	35 19	43 15	135 13	34 4	37 11	68 1	821 13
Queenstown	1908 2	1081 0	1169 7	876 1	905 9	1744 1	1456 2	1300 14	1421 17	873 2	935 5	1694 0	15365 0
Switzers ... ..	...	1860 6	953 2	...	2000 0	...	1905 9	...	1709 7	1121 2	...	...	9249 6
Teviot	740 16	710 15	404 3	432 9	501 17	743 10	458 13	364 1	817 0	...	557 7	389 0	6119 11
Waikouaiti ... ..	...	8 7	...	...	...	...	...	5 11	...	...	5 10	...	19 8
Waitahuna	309 9	284 4	430 15	391 6	249 3	349 0	528 6	389 11	424 8	72 10	165 7	264 0	3857 19
Waipori	173 16	158 3	119 6	89 12	137 4	169 0	...	217 3	286 19	108 0	90 19	154 0	1704 2
Woolshed	477 13	488 2	424 1	460 0	523 10	303 2	254 15	468 8	290 0	245 0	200 0	207 0	4342 0
Totals	11639 11	11201 0	11283 14	8660 3	11026 7	13280 4	12401 3	12097 17	21234 4	8269 0	7026 2	8696 2	136915 7

ALFRED F. OSWIN, Chief Gold Receiver.

Provincial Treasury, Dunedin, April 25th, 1874.

RETURN OF

(ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. J. C. BROWN, MAY 6, AND LAID

Return shewing the position of each Run in the Province of Otago (exclusive of Southland), number of stock leases, situation of Run, nature of covenants, area of land taken from each Run during the last five years, and dates of proclamation.

No. of Runs.	Names of Lessees.	Area of Runs.	Date of expiry of original License.	Date of expiry of New Lease.	Term of Lease.	Situation of Run, if, or not, in Gold Field.	Stock.	
							Great.	Small.
11 & 209	N. Z. and A. Land Co., Ltd.	12000	Jan. 1 '66	Jan 1 '76	10	...	...	7000
12A	W. Fenwick ...	1600	"	"	10	...	...	1000
12B	C. L. C. and F. Fenwick ...	890	"	"	10	...	...	500
17 & 28	Robt. Campbell, jr. ...	34560	July 10 '68	July 10 '78	12	G.F.	57	27000
20	Gellibrands and Smith ...	22500	Jan. 2 '68	Jan. 2 '78	11	G.F.	...	11000
23	N. Z. and A. Land Co., Ltd.	47000	Dec. 22 '70	Dec. 22 '80	14	pt. G.F.	98	21302
24A	N. Z. Scotch Trust, Ltd.	3000	June 13 '71	June 13 '81	13	...	...	1000
28	Robt. Campbell, jr. ...	51200	Sept. 11 '68	Sept. 11 '78	12	pt. G.F.	Stock in	Run 17
39	N. J. B. McGregor ...	17920	June 30 '68	June 30 '78	12	G.F.	51	8000
39B	Gellibrands and Smith ...	19000	Dec. 3 '73	Dec. 3 '83	17	G.F.	...	12000
48	F. C. Fulton ...	32640	June 28 '68	June 28 '78	11y 3m 29d	G.F.	...	4900
51	Cable and Drummond ...	26000	May 29 '68	May 29 '78	12	G.F.	260	6900
52B	John Low ...	20000	July 10 '68	July 10 '78	12	G.F.	...	7500
52C	Sutherland and Polson ...	20000	"	"	8	...	20	6500
72	T. T. Ord ...	20480	Aug. 27 '68	Aug. 27 '78	12	...	270	8500
75	A. and J. Boyd ...	28160	June 28 '68	June 28 '78	11y 3m 29d	G.F.	52	11300
76 77 & Pt. 171	M'Leod C. Orbell ...	4160	July 15 '68	July 15 '78	12	1/4 G.F.	...	18000
77	John Orbell ...	19200	July 16 '68	July 16 '78	12	...	Stock in	Run 76
78	Wm. A. Tolmie ...	22400	Aug. 18 '70	Aug. 8 '80	14	...	...	7000
80 & 255	F. D. Bell ...	10520	Oct. 15 '68	Oct. 15 '78	12	...	284	47252
109 & pt. 121B								
90	N. Z. and A. Land Co., Ltd.	30080	May 10 '70	May 10 '80	13	...	10	14200
92	Borton, M'Master & Gardiner	1200	Aug. 14 '68	Aug. 14 '78	12	...	...	500
96	Robt. Campbell ...	7040	May 9 '70	May 9 '80	13	...	30	2350
98	Wm. H. Teschemaker	12000	Oct. 24 '69	Oct. 24 '79	13	...	...	3000
99	G. M. Webster ...	400	"	"	13	...	...	200
102	Thomas Trumble ...	20480	Mch. 12 '71	Mch. 12 '81	14	...	182	6140
106	James Smith ...	10000	Sept. 2 '71	Sept. 2 '81	15	1/4 G.F.	...	5000
109	F. D. Bell ...	50560	May 27 '71	May 7 '81	14y 2m 7d	G.F.	Stock in	Run 80
121A	Wm. S. P. Gellibrand	22400	Mch. 22 '70	Mch. 22 '80	13	G.F.	...	12500
121B	F. D. Bell ...	24320	Mch. 22 '70	Mch. 22 '80	13	2/3 G.F.	Stock in	Run 80
122	George Hay ...	10880	Feb. 12 '70	Feb. 12 '80	13	...	154	3390
123	James Smith ...	26240	July 10 '70	July 10 '80	13	G.F.	...	7000
129	James Brugh ...	26480	July 20 '71	July 20 '81	14	...	430	3150
134	Philip and Oakden ...	26240	May 9 '71	May 9 '81	14y 2m 10d	G.F.	...	10000
137	John M'Lean ...	30080	Dec. 4 '72	Dec. 4 '82	15y 5m	G.F.	734	10200
140B	D. A. Cameron ...	8500	Mch. 2 '72	Mch. 2 '82	13	...	...	1500
140A	G. F. B. Poynter ...	20000	"	"	13	...	...	9630
160	M'Master and Teschemaker	65000	Mch. 1 '71	Mch. 1 '81	14	...	9	24500
163	Thomas M'Kellar ...	30080	July 15 '71	July 15 '81	15	1-5 G.F.	50	7000
167A	Otago & Southd. Investmt. Co.	21440	Dec. 4 '72	Dec. 4 '82	16	...	141	14867
168	F. W. Mackenzie ...	15360	Mch. 16 '71	Mch. 4 '81	14	...	...	7414
170	A. J. Grant ...	30080	Dec. 4 '72	Dec. 4 '82	15y 9m 4d	G.F.	...	12000
171	H. J. Miller ...	24760	Sept. 4 '72	Sept. 4 '82	16	1/3 G.F.	...	17000
171A	M. C. Orbell ...	9800	"	"	9y 6m	...	Stock in	Run 76
175A	James Logan ...	30000	Sept. 26 '72	Sept. 26 '82	16	...	...	11503
178	Fitzclarence Roberts	24960	Dec. 4 '72	Dec. 4 '82	16	1/3 G.F.	40	21026
179	N. Z. and A. Land Co., Ltd.	15000	Dec. 11 '72	Dec. 11 '82	16	G.F.	...	500
185	Mathew Holmes ...	30080	"	"	16	G.F.	...	10000
189	Campbell and Low ...	50560	May 11 '74	May 11 '84	18	...	...	13028
186	Francis Fulton ...	37760	Dec. 11 '72	Dec. 11 '82	15y 9m 12d	...	10	9800
199	Cargills and Anderson ...	64000	Dec. 17 '72	Dec. 17 '82	16	G.F.	140	19000
200	Henderson and M'Donald ...	48000	Dec. 11 '72	Dec. 11 '82	16	G.F.	17	20749
201	Young and Dalgety ...	73000	Sept. 5 '72	Sept. 5 '82	16	...	...	19000

PASTORAL LEASES.

(THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, JUNE 8, 1874.)

stured, and rents received during 1873-74; also date of expiry of original licenses and new leases, term of
 ug 31st March, 1874 (stated separately), for Hundreds, for sale, for deferred payments, for agricultural leases

Assessment paid 873-74.			Nature of Covenants.		Area of land taken during the last 5 years, ending 31st March, 1874, stated separately.							Date of Proclamation.	General Remarks.	
					For Hunds	For Sale.	For Defrd. Pmts.	For Ag Lse	1870	1871	1872			1873	1874
£	s.	d.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
04	3	4	...	...	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...
29	3	4	...	...	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...
14	11	8	...	...	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...
97	9	6	...	7000	...	5000	...	...	...	...	5000	...	...	...
20	16	8	...	...	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	15000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7600	...	...
42	5	2	...	...	...	7600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
50	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	18	4	...	15000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	15	4	...	...	...	...	4350	4350	...	...	...	...	July 6 '69	...
18	15	0	...	8000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
93	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
95	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	13	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	0	0	...	...	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...
04	3	4	...	3000	8000	1037	3000	...	8000	...	...	4037	{ Dec 17 '73 Feb. 7 '71	...
27	17	8	...	15000	...	700	...	...	...	700	...	...	...	...
15	18	4	...	3000	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...
14	11	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
73	15	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
87	10	0	...	...	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...
5	16	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
110	18	8	...	5000	...	628	...	...	...	...	...	628	...	...
145	16	8	...	5000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	2800	2500	1422	...	1422	...	2800	2500	{ Dec 17 '73 Nov 7 '70
364	11	8	...	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
125	16	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
204	3	4	...	5000	...	...	2550	4500	...	7050	...	...	...	{ Sep 16 '73 Jan 1 '70
167	2	6	...	6000	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...
291	13	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
125	19	0	5000	...	...	...	...	17360	...	17360	...	...	Dec. 28 '70	...
43	15	0	8000	...	...	708	...	...	...	...	...	708	...	...
282	6	8	...	...	...	11432	...	...	...	10000	1432	...	...	...
716	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
212	18	4	...	8000	12700	...	...	...	12700	...	...	...	Feb. 7 '71	...
158	5	11	...	6000	...	5800	2000	...	...	...	...	7800	Dec 17 '73	...
216	4	10	...	5000	...	11300	1450	...	...	...	...	12750	Dec. 17 '73	...
350	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
495	16	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...	...	...	...	640	...	...
335	10	1	...	6000	...	11151	1176	...	...	...	11151	1176	Dec. 17 '73	...
620	5	2	2500	...	...	...	2500	...	2500	...	...	...	Dec. 21 '70	...
14	11	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
291	13	4	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
379	19	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
287	11	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
578	13	4	5000	20000	2500	20000	2500	Dec. 17 '73	...
508	3	1	2500	2950	Dec. 14 '70	...
554	3	4

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RETURN OF PASTOR

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							Great.	Small.
		Acres.			Years.			
202	C. Ibbotson	34560	Dec. 4, '72	Dec. 4, '82	16	...	1	127
203	Joseph Preston	32604	Dec. 3, '72	Dec. 3, '82	15y 9m 8d	156
204	Rowley and Hamilton	44160	Sept. 5, '72	Sept. 5, '82	15y 6m 5d	G.F.	143	170
205	D. F. Main	38500	"	"	16	G.F.	42	228
206A	Wm. Sanders	31000	"	"	16	G.F.	87	149
206B	Borton, M' Master & Gardiner	26000	"	"	16	G.F.	...	62
209	N. Z. & A. Land Co., Limited	13000	"	"	15	...	Stock in	Run
210 & 250	Canterbury & Otago Assn., Ld.	58880	Sept. 4, '72	Sept. 4, '82	16	G.F.	41	420
211	Wm. Sanders	44800	Sept. 5, '72	Sept. 5, '82	16	G.F.	...	134
212A	J. F. Herbert	28160	Dec. 4, '72	Dec. 4, '82	16	...	104	145
212B	Joseph Clarke	19200	"	"	16	G.F.	...	5
213A	M'Farlane and Humphreys...	25600	Dec. 17, '72	Dec. 7, '82	16	G.F.	16	142
213B	Wm. P. Gordon	26800	"	"	16	G.F.	...	104
214	Joseph Rogers	24000	Nov. 21, '72	Nov. 21, '82	15y 8m 22d	G.F.	1	95
215	Joseph Clarke	71040	Dec. 4, '72	Dec. 4, '82	16	G.F.	...	12
217A	Wm. Fenwick	30000	Sept. 5, '72	Sept. 5, '82	12y 258d	G.F.	...	100
217B	C. L. C. and F. Fenwick	11000	"	"	"	G.F.	...	70
218	Gellibrands and Smith	25600	"	"	16	G.F.	...	140
219	David Maitland	33250	Dec. 8, '72	Dec. 8, '82	16	G.F.	14	110
220	Robert Campbell	44800	Sept. 5, '72	Sept. 5, '82	16	G.F.	...	225
221	M'Laren, Greig, & Turnbull	35000	Sept. 25, '72	Sept. 25, '81	15	G.F.	24	165
222	H. S. and E. A. Chapman	33280	Sept. 5, '72	Sept. 5, '82	16	G.F.	24	145
223	J. G. G. and H. G. Glassford	80000	"	"	16	G.F.	148	385
224	A. J. and W. Rolland	30720	"	"	15y 6m 5d	G.F.	114	116
225	Watson Shennan	51000	"	"	15y 6m 7d	G.F.	...	190
226	A. W. Morris	44800	"	"	16	G.F.	171	228
227	F. G. Dalgety	50560	"	"	15y 6m 5d	G.F.	160	118
228	F. G. Dalgety	50560	"	"	15y 6m 5d	G.F.	172	128
233	J. G. G. and H. G. Glassford	14080	"	"	16	...	9	150
235	John M'Lean	54240	"	"	16	...	110	150
236	Ditto	101120	"	"	16	G.F.	520	300
237	Ditto	108800	"	"	16	3-fifths G.F.	120	400
238	J. and A. M'Lean	101120	"	"	16	G.F.	70	350
239	Wilkin and Thomson	17920	"	"	16	G.F.	28	60
240	Ditto	47000	"	"	16	G.F.	50	130
243	Sutton Brothers	60000	"	Sept. 5, '83	16y 6m 5d	G.F.	9	240
244	Robert Campbell, senr.	46080	"	Sept. 5, '82	16	G.F.	...	150
245	Wilkin and Thomson	70000	"	"	15y 6m 5d	G.F.	35	300
247	Watson Shennan	57600	"	"	15y 6m	G.F.	25	216
248	Andrew Buchanan	70400	Dec. 4, '72	Dec. 4, '82	15y 9m	G.F.	50	254
249	Strode and Fraser	33280	"	"	15y 9m 6d	G.F.	26	160
250	Canterbury & Otago Assn. Ld.	34000	"	"	16	G.F.	Stock in	Run 21
253	Joseph Clarke	31360	Feb. 26, '74	Feb. 26, '84	17	G.F.	...	103
254	Robert Gray	107520	Dec. 17, '72	Dec. 17, '82	16	G.F.	163	300
255	F. D. Bell	50000	Dec. 22, '72	Dec. 22, '82	15y 9m 22d	G.F.	Stock in	Run 8
256	Robert Campbell	24960	Dec. 11, '72	Dec. 11, '82	16	G.F.	70	105
258	D. A. Tolmie	16640	"	"	15y 9m 12d	...	50	60
259	F. C. Fulton	24960	Feb. 6, '73	Feb. 6, '83	15y 11m 7d	G.F.	130	150
260	Holmes & Co.	24960	Dec. 11, '72	Dec. 11, '82	15y 9m 6d	G.F.	...	120
261	F. D. Bell	91000	"	"	16	G.F.	168	326
262	R. Campbell and W. A. Low	70400	"	"	15y 9m 12d	G.F.	...	270
300	Borton, M' Master, & Gardiner	13440	Sept. 5, '72	Sept. 5, '82	16	G.F.	...	64
301	Ditto ditto	33000	"	"	16	G.F.	...	250
306	P. E. Champion	9000	Feb. 6, '73	Feb. 6, '83	15y 11m 7	G.F.	...	65
307	Gellibrands and Smith	34000	"	"	16	G.F.	100	125
308A	Watson Shennan	19000	Sept. 6, '73	Feb. 6, '83	16	G.F.	...	60
308B	Greig and Turnbull	43000	Sept. 6, '73	Feb. 6, '83	16	G.F.	41	190
322	Young and Dalgety	61500	Dec. 3, '73	Dec. 3, '83	17	...	74	159
323	W. S. Trotter	60000	Feb. 26, '74	Feb. 26, '84	17	G.F.	150	158
324	M'Kellar Bros. & White Bros.	70000	Feb. 26, '74	Feb. 26, '84	17	3/4 G.F.	25	124
325A	N.Z. & Aust. Land Co., Ld.	9600	"	"	17	G.F.	111	340
325B	Strode and Fraser	15400	"	"	17	G.F.	...	85
330	N.Z. & Aust. Land Co., Ld.	80000	"	"	17	G.F.	Stock in	run 325
331	C. C. and F. C. Boyes	50000	"	"	17	...	73	125
333	Stuart & Kinross	100000	"	"	10	...	...	1000
334	Holmes & Campbell	100000	"	"	17	...	120	1800
335A	Thomas Coke Hill	48000	"	"	17	...	9	295

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							Great.	Small.
		Acres.			Years.			
335B	Walter Shrimpton ...	12000	Feb. 26 '74	Feb. 26 '84	10	3000
337	Henry Campbell ...	50000	"	"	17	...	64	8000
338	Henry Campbell ...	50000	"	"	17	...	16	10000
339	Graham and Walton ...	80000	"	"	16y 11m 26d	G.F.	110	20000
340	Howell and Loughnan ...	80000	"	"	17	½ G.F.	...	12000
345	C. C. and F. C. Boyes ...	35000	"	"	17	...	122	12985
346	John Butement ...	54000	"	"	17	G.F.	78	17833
350	D. R. M. and A. Matheson ...	46000	"	"	10	G.F.	...	14250
353A	Greig and Turnbull ...	34000	"	"	17	G.F.	...	7000
353B	A. J. Grant ...	39250	"	"	17	G.F.	...	2000
353C	R. Cotton and S. Henry ...	6750	"	"	17	...	140	...
354	Harrison and Boustead ...	40000	"	"	17	G.F.	300	...
359	W. S. Trotter ...	15000	"	"	10	G.F.	202	2750
362	Wm. Sanders ...	70000	"	"	17	...	...	1740
368	Joseph Clarke ...	20000	"	"	17	G.F.	...	820
369	Cargill and Anderson ...	35000	"	"	18	G.F.	293	18069
398	D. A. Cameron ...	27000	Oct. 7 '74	Oct. 7 '84	18	...	78	10500
408	Young and Dalgety ...	40000	July 26 '76	July 26 '86	20	...	...	10000
417	John Kay ...	26400	New Run	Oct. 1 '78	10	...	11	1200
418	R. Campbell, sr. and jr. ...	30000	"	Oct. 1 '79	10	...	...	2000
419	John Scott ...	14500	"	Oct. 1 '79	10	...	20	3000
420	John Howell ...	32000	"	Oct. 1 '78	10	...	...	3000
421	Campbell and Low ...	25000	"	Oct. 1, '79	10	...	...	4000
424	Frank Fielding ...	19000	"	"	10	...	98	4000
425A	Cargill and Anderson ...	12500	"	"	10	...	...	1940
425B	Joseph Clarke ...	16500	"	"	10	...	...	2560
428	Joseph Clarke ...	10000	"	"	10	...	...	1600
429	Thos. Coke Hill ...	48000	"	"	10	...	...	9000
430A	William Fraser ...	10000	"	"	10	...	...	1670
430B	Henry Campbell ...	4500	"	"	10	...	...	700
431	R. Campbell, senr. and jr. ...	14000	"	"	10	...	...	1200
432	D. A. Cameron ...	9500	"	Feb. 3 '83	10	...	...	1000
433	William Fraser ...	7500	"	Oct. 1 '79	10	...	...	1500
437	Strode and Fraser ...	12000	"	"	10	...	...	1600
438	John Howell ...	35000	"	Oct. 1 '80	10	...	...	3000
439	F. G. Dalgety ...	9000	"	"	10	...	...	1000
444	Thomas Bell ...	5500	"	Mch. 3 '83	10	...	...	1000
445	F. G. Dalgety ...	15000	"	Oct. 1 '84	10	...	...	1500
446	Murdoch M'Lennan ...	2000	"	Dec. 3 '83	10	...	...	480
1 of c	Robt. Campbell, senr. ...	50000	May 1 '71	May 1 '81	15	...	...	13028
2 of c	Robt. Campbell, senr. ...	40000	May 1 '72	May 1 '82	16	...	...	13028
3 of c	Robt. Campbell, senr. ...	70000	May 1 '74	May 1 '84	18	...	190	13028
RUNS IN INVERCAR GILL LAND DISTRICT—								
61	Wm. Brunton ...	3200	July 16 '68	July 29 '78	12	}	104	2161
62	Wm. Brunton ...	13466	May 29 '68	May 29 '78	12	
66 & 132	Driver and Macdonald ...	3520	April 7 '71	April 7 '81	14	...	120	11650
74	Robt. D. Little ...	5120	July 6 '68	July 6 '78	12	...	...	750
88	J. A. R. Menzies ...	6000	Aug. 14 '68	Aug. 14 '78	12	...	230	720
111	Alex. M'Nab ...	54680	Nov. 4 '70	Nov. 4 '80	14	...	258	35181
131	H. D. and J. M'Intyre ...	3640	Dec. 8 '72	Dec. 8 '82	15y 9m 11d	...	698	11420
132	Driver and Macdonald ...	26240	Dec. 4 '72	Dec. 4 '82	16	...	Stock in	Run 66
161	Driver and M'Lean ...	20080	May 29 '71	May 29 '81	15	...	345	3400
162	Driver and M'Lean ...	28160	"	"	15	...	260	7000
167B	Hugh M'Intyre ...	11440	Dec. 4 '72	Dec. 4 '8	16	...	73	15702
172A	R. W. Aitken ...	5500	Jan. 1 '72	Jan. 1 '8	15	...	110	4200
172B	R. W. Aitken & R. W. Harrison	25500	"	"	15	...	...	3000
175B	Charles Ibbotson ...	23120	Sept. 26 '72	Sept. 26 '82	16	G.F.	59	12520
176	Mathew Holmes ...	25000	Sept. 13 '71	Sept. 13 '81	15	...	...	3400
193	C. L. Swanston ...	32000	Dec. 4 '72	Dec. 4 '82	15y 9m 5d	G.F.	42	21000
194	David M'Kellar ...	30080	"	"	16	G.F.	49	13154
251	C. B. and G. J. Thornhill ...	16000	Dec. 11 '72	Dec. 11 '82	16	...	73	6500
254B	C. L. Swanston ...	23000	"	June 14, '83	16y 3m 18d	G.F.	...	9000
301B	D. Hankinson ...	80000	Jan. 17 '73	Jan. 17 '83	16	...	430	17000
303	John M'Pherson ...	15200	Jan. 16 '73	"	...	...	...	4800
326	Chapman and Gunn ...	50000	Feb. 26 '74	Feb. 26 '84	17	G.F.	474	21000
327	Driver and M'Lean ...	30000	"	"	17	G.F.	157	16450

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							Great.	Small.
		Acres.			Years.			
328	Gow's Trustees ...	36000	Feb. 26, '74	G.F.	...	85
389	Robt. Campbell, senr. & junr.	40000	"	Feb. 26, '84	17	pt. G.F.	...	65
391	Fitzwilliam Wentworth ...	50000	"	"	17	...	...	45
394	Oakden & Booth ...	29000	"	"	...	...	...	81
414A	Mathew Holmes ...	750	New Run	Oct. 1, '78	10	...	...	3
414B	Robt. Campbell, senr. & junr.	750	"	"	10	...	...	5
415	Robt. Campbell, senr. & junr.	58000	"	"	10	pt. G.F.	...	52
416	Robt. Campbell, senr. & junr.	74000	"	Oct. 1, '79	10	...	...	40
423	D. A. Cameron ...	16000	"	"	10	G.F.	...	35
426	A. M. Clarke ...	3000	"	"	10	...	...	} 20
427	A. M. Clarke ...	3000	"	"	10	...	...
436	Joseph Clarke ...	63000	"	"	10	G.F.	...		90
441	Robert Campbell ...	2600	"	Jan. 20, '83	10	...	...	3
443	Robert Campbell ...	82000	"	"	10	...	...	53
177	James Maben ...	23000	Feb. 16, '73	Feb. 16, '83	10	...	1150	...
257	John Muir ...	9660	Dec. 11, '72	Dec. 12, '82	10	...	488	...
31	In Hundreds...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
67	In Hundreds...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Summary of Totals ...	6660936	...	...	...	...	13479	19634
	Name of Licensee.							
413	...	20000	July 26, '76	...	14	...	22	45
440	J. Robertson & Co. ...	100000	...	Jan. 30, '84	10	G.F.	...	50
449	J. G. Brown... ..	20000	...	April 6, '84	10	...	...	100
450	J. G. Brown... ..	5000	...	"	10	...	...	45
452	Robt. Campbell, junr	19400	...	"	10	...	...	150
453	Kenneth M'Ivor ...	19500	...	"	10	...	...	70
454	Robert Bruce ...	300	...	Jan. 1, '84	10	G.F.	...	30
455	J. Kirkpatrick ...	40000
456	A. Cameron ...	7000

Dunedin, 6th June, 1874.

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£	s.	d.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.			
146	15	0	
189	11	8	
131	5	0	
139	16	2	
10	4	2	
14	11	8	640	640	
151	13	4	
116	13	4	
102	1	8	
58	6	8	}	}	
262	10	0		
10	18	9	
154	11	8	
201	5	0	
85	8	0	640	640	
...	12000	12000	Feb. 4, '71	...	
...	5800	5500	Aug. 19, '71	...	
60276	8	4	107500	203000	56000	159331	27658	75824	20056	111605	79190	59739	58723			
19	6	0	
97	3	11	
14	3	7	
6	7	11	
21	5	4	
9	18	6	
6	11	3	
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New rns recently sold.
Not yet assessed

J. T. THOMSON, Chief Commissioner Waste Lands Board.

CITY OF DUNEDIN RESERVES.

RETURN OF THE WHOLE OF THE RESERVES OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN for which Crown Grants have been issued; the purposes for which they were Reserved; the uses to which they are at present applied, and the authority for any deviation from these purposes.

(Ordered on motion of Hon. Major Richardson, Session 32, 1873, and laid upon the Table by the Provincial Secretary, May 13, 1874.)

DESCRIPTION OF LAND.	ACREAGE.	PURPOSES FOR WHICH RESERVED.	USES TO WHICH AT PRESENT APPLIED.	AUTHORITY FOR DEVIATION.
Reserve No. 1 ...	A. R. P. 2 1 26	Public Hospital	Market and Drill Shed	Ordce. P. Council
" " 2 ...	1 0 14	Public Gardens	Unoccupied, Octagon	...
" " 3 ...	1 1 9	Public Gaol	Gaol	...
" " 4 ...	4 3 5	Site for a first or principal Presbyterian Church	Church and Manse	...
" " 5 ...	0 2 25	Church and Schoolhouse in connection with Presbyterian Church	Leased	Ordce. P. Council
" " 6 ...	0 0 5	Mechanics' Institute	Now pt. of Princes-st	...
" " 7 ...	0 3 33	Provincial Government Offices	Offices	...
" " 9 ...	0 1 20	Public Stores and Buildings connected with Jetty	Sold	Ordce. P. Council
" " 10 ...	0 2 32	Manse for a Minister of Presbyterian Church	Leased	do
Section 26, block XVI	0 1 3	Public utility to Dunedin and its inhabitants	Let on 21 years' lease	do
" 33 " XVII	0 1 1	Do do	do	do
" 18 " XV	0 1 0	Do do	do	do
" 20 " XIV	0 0 39	Do do	do	do
" 49 " XVII	0 1 2	Do do	do	do
" 20 " XV	0 1 0	Do do	do	do
" 56 " XX	0 1 0	Do do	do	do
" 7, 8, & 9 " XV	0 3 0	Do do	Unoccupied	...
" 40 " IX	0 1 0	Do do	Let on 21 years' lease	Ordce. P. Council
" 32 " VI	0 1 0	Do do	do	do
" 34 " VI	0 1 0	Do do	do	do
" 16, 17, 18 " XVI	0 3 2	Do do	do	do
" 13 & 14 " XV	0 2 0	Do do	Unoccupied	...
Reclaimed land in } Harbour ... }	421 3 13	{ Improvement of Dunedin Harbor, &c.	—	...
Ditto	29 0 17	Do do	—	...
Cattle market ...	9 1 26	Cattle Market	Cattle Market	...
Cemetery ...	15 1 12	Cemetery	Cemetery (old)	...
Market ...	3 0 6	Market	Market	...
Town Belt ...	500 0 0	Public Recreation for Dunedin and its inhabitants	About four lots of Belt are still let on grazing lease, by consent of Superintendent, given in the year 1866, leases 6 years to run; rest of Belt is used for recreation	...
Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40, block XXXI ...	5 0 0	Do do	Recreation ground This land was in 1867 let to Chinese for a garden; it was a complete swamp not fit for anything. Their tenancy will terminate June 7, 1874. School at one end Reserve, Police Station at other.	...
Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40, block XXIX ...	5 0 0	Do do		...

DESCRIPTION OF LAND.	ACREAGE.			PURPOSES FOR WHICH RESERVED.	USES TO WHICH AT PRESENT APPLIED.	AUTHORITY FOR DEVIATION.
	A.	R.	P.			
Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, block XXVII. ...	8	0	11	Public recreation for Dunedin and its inhabitants	Let on nominal lease as a garden; open to the public	...
Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, block XXIII. ...	5	0	0	Site and endowment for a public Hospital	Hospital	...
Reserve No. 11 ...	1	2	34	Wharves and quays	Let for 14 years	Ordce. P. Council
Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, block I.	2	1	10	Site for a Cemetery	Unoccupied	...
Sections 37, 38, 39 blk. II	0	3	0	Quarry	Quarry—unlet	...
Cannongate Reserve	8	0	29	Do	Let on 21 years' lease	Ordce. P. Council
Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28, block X. ...	4	1	17	Reservoir	Do	do
Reserve ...	0	2	6	Quarry	Quarry	...
Sections 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38, blk XIII.	0	3	23	Establishment and maintenance of a University, and for the general advancement of education in the Province.	Unoccupied	...
Sections 12, 13, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 54, block XIII.	2	2	0	School site	School site	...
Reserve ...	18	2	4	Public wharves and quays	Pt. let on 14 yrs. lease Pt. used D. & P.C. Ry.	Ordce. P. Council ...
Sections 42 and 43, block XXVII., and part of Shingle Reserve ...	1	3	12	Health and recreation of inhabitants of Dunedin.	Unoccupied	...
Public Baths Reserves	4	3	21	Public Baths	Let on 21 yrs. lease	Ordce. P. Council
Public Pound Reserve	2	1	10	Public Pound	Do	do
Reserve ...	1	1	26	Health and recreation of inhabitants of Dunedin.	Unoccupied	...
do	0	0	14.8	Improvement of Dunedin Harbor	...	...
Section 8, block XX.	0	1	0	Dépôt for broken metal	Let on 21 yrs. lease	Ordce. P. Council
Section 1, block XLIV.	0	0	12.2	Site for Otago University	University	...
Reserve between Reserve No. 4 and High-street ...	0	0	18	Drill shed, gun shed and Armoury	Unoccupied	...
Sections 32 and 33, block II. ...	0	1	13	Establishment and maintenance of a University, and for the general advancement of education in the Province	Teachers' residence	...
Sections 21, 22, blk XIII	0	1	21	" "	Site Middle School	...
" 9, " XI.	0	1	0	" "	Teachers' residence	...
" 82, " XIX.	0	1	0	" "	Unoccupied	...
" 1, XXXII.	0	1	0	" "	Teachers' residence	...
" 17, XXXII.	0	1	0	" "	Unoccupied	...

NOTE.—Crown Grants have been issued for the whole of the Reserves within the City of Dunedin.

ALEX. WILLIS, Under-Secretary.

Provincial Treasurer's Financial Statement.

(Made in Committee of Supply June 3, 1874.)

On motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Turnbull (the Provincial Treasurer) then said: Mr. M'Glashan, I have to express my regret that I have not sooner been able to bring down the Estimates for the current year. I fully expected some time ago that I should be able within a week of the opening of the Session to bring down the Financial Statement. But circumstances, which it is perhaps needless for me to go into here, have prevented my doing so until the present time. The illness of the Sub-Treasurer, who recently resigned, has rendered the bringing out of the balance-sheet a somewhat tedious and difficult matter; and, as honorable members are aware, there is even now a small discrepancy of 24s. 6d., which, however, I have no doubt will be adjusted before the Council rises. In the meantime, the Statement laid on the Table may be taken as substantially correct, and sufficient to guide the Committee as to ways and means. Without further preliminary remarks, I will now proceed to endeavor, as clearly and shortly as lies in my power, to place before this Committee the financial operations of the past year, our present position, and the proposals of the Government for the current year.

TRANSACTIONS OF PAST YEAR 1873-74.—Members will recollect, or observe from papers on the Table of the Council, that at the beginning of the last financial year we started with a balance in hand of £27,595 1s. 6d., made up of two items: viz., £13,149 7s. 2d. on General Account, and £14,445 14s. 4d., held for application towards Specific Works; that we estimated getting a revenue of £482,743 11s. 1d. inclusive of sums to be received from the General Government for Road Board subsidies, and proceeds of the unused portion of the North Otago Loan; and that the Committee of Supply voted a total expenditure of £707,914 14s. 2d., made up as follows:—For votes to be paid in cash, £531,171 3s. 1d.; for Works to be paid in land, £111,000; for Works to be paid from the North Otago Loan, £65,743 11s. 1d.

Revenue, 1873-4.—The results of the year's operations, as will be observed from the Balance Sheet and Statement of Expenditure*, show total receipts from all sources to the amount of £482,309 1s. 6d.; and an actual expenditure of £416,238 18s. 5d; both sums being inclusive of amounts received under the *North Otago Loan Act*, and payments from the Colonial Government on account of *Road Board Subsidies* and other special works, particulars of which I will explain presently. In addition to the actual payments for expenditure during the year, there are considerable engagements outstanding, as liabilities on road and other contracts taken but not completed, or required to be paid for at the close of the financial year. As these accounts are, however, brought forward in the coming Estimates as liabilities to be included with the fresh votes, it is unnecessary that they should be kept separate, or further specially alluded to here. Although in the aggregate the revenue received has come very near the estimated amount, it has, nevertheless, in some items differed to a very material extent. The chief difference has been in the receipt from *Land Sales*, which realised nearly £43,000 over what was estimated. The amount was swelled up mainly by the large purchases made in the Southland district before the meeting of the last Council, when it was expected that proposals would be made to raise the price. The land revenue would even have reached a higher figure had the Hundreds passed at the last Session of the Provincial Council been proclaimed at the time the Executive expected. The causes of this delay, and the correspondence and opinions connected therewith, have already been placed in possession of the Council, so it is unnecessary further here to allude to the subject. *Sheep Assessment* has also realised nearly £4000 over what was placed against it. It is possible that if the runs were assessed, a still higher rental might be obtained, as it is understood that some of the runs are not contributing an amount proportionate to their carrying capacity. The matter will receive the consideration of the Executive, and if it appears that the interests of the Province will be served by an assessment being made, we will endeavor to move the Waste Lands Board in the matter. *Gold Duty* was put down last year as likely to contribute a fifth less than previously, on account of the reduction in the rate from 2s. 6d. to 2s.; but I am pleased to see that the reduction has not been so much, £17,504 6s. 6d. having been realised, as against £20,431 6s. 1d. the previous year, and £16,000 estimated. *Gold Fields Revenue*, on the other hand, has fallen short of the previous year on the amount estimated by about £2600. This it is difficult to account for, except on the assumption that high wages in other industries have temporarily drawn away a part of the goldfields population from mining operations. *Harbor and Jetty Dues* have realised about £1000 over what was anticipated—a much larger quantity of goods having come up by water than was expected would be the case when the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway was in full operation. *Dog and Goat Tax*.—This interesting tax has nearly doubled what was estimated. It was considered, when the Executive put down the Estimates last year, that a larger proportion of this tax would go into the revenue of Corporations. Apparently, however, the greater number of dogs and goats prefer residing in the country rather than in the towns. *Tolls on Roads*.—This item has come near the sum estimated. I may here mention that the late Executive decided, after full consideration, to lease the tolls by auction from 1st April last rather than collect them as formerly; and the proceeds of the sale show, after adding the cost previously paid for collection, a balance in favor of the revenue. *Education Receipts* show a small increase, and licenses

* See Appendix, pages 143 to 165.

a falling off of over a £1000. *Repayments* have brought what was anticipated, except in the item of passage money owing by immigrants. The late Government made an effort to endeavor to collect a somewhat larger amount than usual of these debts, but without effect. A large number of replies to the applications made for payment are now in the hands of the Government awaiting consideration, some of the debtors offering to compromise for a portion of the amount owing; and it will be the duty of the Executive to deal with the various cases in detail in such a way as to do justice to the public, without pressing too hardly on those not in a position to pay. *Incidental Receipts*.—A much larger sum has been got from this than estimated, the chief items not calculated on being, £250 from the Dunedin Water Works Company, and £2600 received from the Bank for interest on the balance at credit of the Province throughout the year. *Railways*.—The receipts from these show a deficiency from what was reckoned on of about £4000. This has all arisen from the Dunedin and Port Chalmers line, the Invercargill branches showing an increase over what was estimated. The incidental difficulties attendant on getting a new line into perfect working order, and the deficiency of wharf accommodation at Port Chalmers, and shed accommodation at Dunedin, have no doubt driven a good deal of traffic from the railway to the lighters, and led to the reduction in the anticipated receipts. *Reclaimed Land*.—In last year's Estimates a sum of £25,000 was put down as available from this source, but nothing has been received. The late Executive did not find it necessary to put any reclaimed land in the market, there being no pressing necessity for it either on the score of funds or business purposes; and as the land is steadily improving in value, it will be all the better when placed in the market. *North Otago Loan*.—We have received during the year, on account of the works authorised under this loan, £15,000. Last year we got £5000, making £50,000, leaving still as a balance available from this source the sum of £20,000, which will be brought forward, with what we have in hand, as revenue for the current year. On last year's Estimates there was also £20,000 proposed to be borrowed on the security of the Education Reserves, for the purpose of extending and renewing school buildings. As members will recollect, the Council decided, after full discussion, to vote £20,000 out of revenue rather than borrow on the Education Reserves. It appears, however, that further large demands await us for school buildings, and it will take, exclusive of the vote of last year, an additional amount of over £30,000 to meet requirements. About £12,500 of the £20,000 voted last year has been spent, and a considerable additional amount authorised, and we propose asking a vote for over £20,000 this year. It may be a question whether, in view of such a large expenditure, the Committee should not re-consider the question of borrowing a portion of what will amount to over £50,000 for new schools and additions to present buildings. It seems to me not wise to burden our revenue in two or three years with such a large amount, seeing, that a great portion of it will be devoted to buildings which will last from ten to twenty years.

Expenditure, 1873-4.—I will now advert very briefly to the expenditure of the past year. The total amount appropriated by the Committee at the last Session of the Council for the service for the year 1873-4 was, as previously stated, £707,914 14s. 2d.; of which, £111,000 was for works to be paid for in land. The late Executive, however, considered that in view of the increased value which land has acquired during the past year, and the necessity that there exists for husbanding as much as possible the Crown lands of the Province, with the view of inducing settlement, decided, in accepting the contracts for the branch railways authorised at last Session of the Council, to do so on a cash basis, and provision will require to be made for the same in dealing with the appropriation for the present year. The actual expenditure, therefore, only amounted to £416,238 18s. 5d., but there is, as already remarked, in addition to this, certain amounts of liabilities on contracts which will require to be met from the revenue of the current year. There are one or two items of importance in the appropriations of the past year which have not been required, and which probably require a little explanation. 1st. The sum voted for Interest on Port Chalmers Railway, £11,000. In asking you to vote this last year, I was not fully aware how matters stood in regard to railways. I will now explain to honorable members that under the "Immigration and Public Works Act 1870," section 4, part I., and section 10, part II., an amount of £400,000 was set aside out of the Loan as a Railway Fund for the Middle Island, in consideration of a similar amount which was appropriated to the North Island for the purpose of making roads. It was to be raised at a rate not exceeding £100,000 a year, and the portion allocated to Otago has been passed to the credit of a railway fund for this Province. In addition to this, by the 23rd section of the same Act, half of the revenue derived from Stamp Duties within each Province was allotted to that Province for railway purposes; and at present, therefore, after paying for the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, we stand with a sum still available of probably £136,000, as per the following statement:—

	£	s.	d.
Otago share of the £100,000 for year 1870-71	45,487	15	6
Do. do. do. 1871-72	42,010	7	8
Do. do. do. 1872-73	43,695	13	3
Do. do. do. 1873-74 (say)	44,000	0	0
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	£176,093	16	5
Moiety of Stamp Duties, year 1871-72	11,301	12	3
Do. do. do. 1872-73	12,248	15	3
Do. do. do. 1873-74 (say)	12,000	0	0
Do. do. do. 1874-75 do.	12,000	0	0
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	£47,550	7	6
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	£223,644	3	11
Expenditure on account Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway...	87,041	16	8
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	£136,602	7	3

Then there was the sum of £10,000 on account of Immigration, of which sum £2000 only had been used, and the most of this will also probably be repaid by the General Government out of the Immigration Loan. There was also £6000 for Oamaru Harbor Works, which has not been required during the year; but as the amount is part of a vote agreed to by a previous Council, and was put in the appropriations last year to keep it alive, you will be asked to re-vote it again this Session. I need not, however, weary the Committee by going through the list of expenditure, and point out what has been spent and what has not been spent. Members will find full particulars of each item detailed in the printed papers placed in their hands; and should there be any items respecting which further information is wanted, I will be happy to furnish it during the discussions which will no doubt follow as the Estimates are passing through Committee.

Balance Sheet, 1873-4.—If members will now direct their attention to the General Balance Sheet,* I will briefly run through it, and it will enable a correct estimate to be formed of our present position. The first item on the debtor side against the Treasurer, and in favor of the Province at the commencement of the year 1873-4, is £27,595 1s. 6d., made up of two items—£13,149 7s. 2d. in general account, and £14,445 14s. 4d. in hand for expenditure on special works. Then there is the total ordinary revenue, particulars of which I have directed your attention to, and amounting to £418,813 2s. In addition to this, there is a further sum of £73,496 14s. 10d. received from the Colonial Government on account of certain specific works and votes; and here I think it will be as well that I should shortly explain the nature of the items which make up this amount. First, there is £45,000 received under the "North Otago District Loan Act 1872," which, with £5000 received the previous year, makes £50,000 in all obtained from this source to date. Of this sum, we have spent during the past and previous year £40,764 10s. 1d., leaving £9235 9s. 11d. in hand, as will be noticed when we go further down the Balance Sheet. The total amount authorised to be raised under the Act in question is £70,000 for the works therein mentioned, and the following statement shows how much has been authorised, how much spent, and how much remains available for each particular work:—

North Otago District Public Works Loan.

Works	Sums authorised.	Expenditure to date.			Balance available.
		£	s.	d.	
Harbour works at Oamaru	24,000	13,444	19	10	10,555 0 2
Main roads, Oamaru	10,000	9,289	13	2	710 6 10
Tramway, Oamaru to Awamoko	25,000	16,676	10	6	8,323 9 6
Otepopo Bridge	3,000	1,353	6	7	1,646 13 5
Improvements, Kakanui Harbor	5,000	...	...	...	5,000 0 0
Do. Moeraki Harbor	3,000	...	...	...	3,000 0 0
	70,000	40,764	10	1	29,235 9 11

Security for this loan is taken over a tract of country on the northern seaboard, running from the Horse Range to the Waitaki and embracing an area of 1,280,000 acres. Of this land 350,000 acres have been sold, and 100,000 acres Crown-granted as University Reserve. There remain unsold 830,000 acres, and out of this a reserve was made by the Provincial Council of 94,000 acres for Hospitals and District Schools, but this has never been Crown-granted by the General Government, and probably may not be. The rents and proceeds of sales of the lands in question, except what has been granted to the University, are paid into a separate account by the Receiver of Land Revenue, and applied in terms of the Act to pay the interest at 6 per cent. and 10 per cent. annually towards redeeming the principal. Following this is the sum of £14,808 13s 4d for Road Boards subsidy, being the General Assembly grant for this purpose, and with which the Committee is no doubt familiar. The amount available will, we expect, pay £1 for £1 to the various Boards; and we purpose asking the Committee to vote a further sum from the Provincial revenue sufficient to enable us to contribute other 10s for each £1 subscribed. Lastly, under the head of Receipts from General Government, there is £13,688 1s 6d received for specific works. They are as follows:—

Mount Ida Water Works—Received, £12,179 19s 6d; spent, £10,921 0s 3d; in hand, £1258 19s 3d.
 Waipori Water Works—Received, £150; spent, £94 4s 8d; in hand, £55 15s 4d.
 Port Chalmers Beach Road—Received, £250; spent, £245 3s 11d; in hand, £4 6s 1d.
 Invercargill Goods Shed—Received, £1108 2s; spent, £862 0s 8d; in hand, £246 1s 4d.
 Public Works—Spent, £49 18s 9d; in hand, £110 12s 1d.
 Total amount received, £13,688 1s 6d; spent £12,172 18s 3d.

The Mount Ida and Waipori Water Works are being carried out under the direction of the General Government, but the payments are made for convenience through the Provincial Treasury. The £250 is an amount received to assist in making good a road for the settlers which the Port Chalmers Railway deprived them of, and we expect to get a further sum to make up what we consider would be a fair contribution to be charged against the railway on account of the work. The £1108 2s is a sum received by arrangement from the General Government as half the cost of a railway goods shed at Invercargill, which will be available both for the traffic of the Southland Railway, belonging to the Province, and those at present in course of construction by the General Government. In fact, all these sums are more in the nature of trust accounts, and are kept separate and distinct from the ordinary revenue. Taking the three amounts I have referred to, viz. :—

The balance from last year	...	...	...	£27,595	1	6
Provincial revenue	...	...	...	418,813	2	0
Sums received from General Government	...	...	...	73,496	14	10

* See Appendix, page 143.

gives a total available amount of £519,904 18s, which we have had to deal with during the year. Well, what has been done with it? If honorable members will cross over to the other side of the balance-sheet they will see that there has been expended in the general service of the Province, works, subsidies to Road Boards, interest on loans, &c., £367,556 19s; and the further sum of £48,681 19s on account, of the special works for which moneys have been received outside the ordinary revenue. I need not further advert to this expenditure, or trouble members with further particulars, which are fully given in the statement of expenditure which has been placed in their hands. After deducting the total expenditure from the total receipts, there remains the sum of £103,665 19s 11d, of which £83,490 2s 7d belongs to general account, and is available for appropriation for the current year, and the balance, £20,175 17s 4d, falls to be applied to the various works specified at the foot of the debtor side of the balance-sheet. We will now proceed down the account to the loans of the Province, respecting which there is not much to say. A tabular statement is before the Committee, from which it will be observed that our liability on loan account has been increased by £60,000. £10,000 of this is an additional amount raised to pay some liabilities, and furnish shops and machinery for the Port Chalmers Graving Dock. It has been advanced by the Sinking Fund Commissioners at six per cent., on mortgage of the property of the Dock Trust, and as the affairs of the Trust are now being taken over by the Province, the amount becomes, with the Dock debentures previously in circulation, virtually a direct loan to the Province. The other £50,000 is the amount raised under the "North Otago Loan Act," at six per cent. interest, and redeemable at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, as I have previously explained. I have also to point out that the unconsolidated portion of the Loan 1861-2, amounting to £40,100, matures this year and the next; £34,000 in July, 1874; and £6000 in December, 1875. There is, or will be in July, in connection with it, in the hands of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, about £18,600, and it has been arranged that the balance will be met by a fresh loan raised by the General Government on behalf of the Province. It is scarcely necessary that I should allude to the other items in the abstract of affairs. Suspense and deposit accounts on the debtor side have been frequently explained to members. The former consists of sums due on contracts on which payments have been made, &c., and the latter comprises deposits on contracts, immigration, &c., which are repaid when engagements are completed. On the credit side there stands an amount at credit with the Home Agent, which consists of sums sent Home for the service of the Province, and is charged to the proper accounts when the vouchers are received. Then there is an amount for advances, which is made up of sums advanced to heads of departments, and afterwards accounted for by them. This brings us down to our position at the commencement of the present financial year, and it may be summed up as follows:—We owed on current loans, after deducting accrued sinking fund, £1,253,464 3s. 5d.; and we had a balance in hand, on ordinary account, of £83,490 2s. 7d., available for the services of the current year.

PROPOSALS FOR 1874-5.—I will now very shortly draw the attention of the Committee to our proposals for the year upon which we have entered.

Estimated Revenue, 1874-5.—Our estimate of revenue, as will be noticed, is put down at £421,597 from ordinary sources, and Road Board subsidy from Colonial Government, to which falls to be added the unused and unraised portion of the North Otago Loan, amounting to £29,235 9s. 11d. The main source of income is, of course, from the Waste Lands, and it is difficult to calculate, with any degree of certainty, as to the amount, as the sales are to a great extent regulated by circumstances outside the control of the Government. However, we think that, considering the large quantity of land that will be opened during the year in Hundreds and blocks, both on deferred payments and partly on deferred payments, intersected with sections open for sale for cash; and seeing, further, that when the lands are again open for sale in the Southland district, considerable quantities may be taken up of the 20s. land, we consider that the estimate we have given is reasonable. Then there is also the Sheep Assessment, which has been increased to £65,000, exclusive of the amount which goes to the Educational vote. The increase is chiefly on account of the extra sums receivable from the rents of the Wakatipu and Tuapeka runs recently sold. If it is decided that we are to have an assessment during the year, it is probable that the revenue from this source may be still further augmented. Of the other items little need be said, as they are chiefly receipts on which any material alteration in the amount is not likely to arise. Then there is the amount still available under the North Otago Loan Act; but as this sum is allocated to special works, it need not be taken into account as revenue subject to be appropriated by votes of this Council. There is the further sum of £62,427 7s. 6d. due to the Province as Capitation Allowance. This amount is considerably in excess of last year, arising from the increase in the population of the Province. It, however, never comes into the Provincial Treasury, but is applied by the Colonial Government towards payment of the interest and sinking fund due by the Province on the consolidated portion of its loans.

Proposed Appropriation, 1874-5.—We have then available for appropriation by this Committee—Balance from last year, £83,490 2s. 7d.; estimated ordinary revenue, £421,897; and balance of North Otago Loan, £29,235 9s. 1d.; making a total of £505,087 2s. 7d. And we propose an appropriation for interest, departmental expenditure, expenditure on roads and bridges, &c., of £552,184 0s. 10d., which will absorb the whole of our probable available receipts. In addition to this, there are the engagements on account of the branch railways recently contracted for; but from the best information at our disposal, we believe that, however energetically the works may be prosecuted, the Government will not be called upon to pay during the financial year more than £60,000, which will, however, apparently be unprovided for. After very careful consideration, we have arrived at the conclusion not to ask the Council this Session to sanction the sale of any block of land under the 150th section of the Waste Lands Act, as was contemplated to be done in order to pay for some of the railways voted last Session. It is proposed to ask your concurrence to apply to the General Assembly for a fresh loan of £500,000 on the security of specific blocks of land, for the purpose of constructing these branch railways already authorised, and

which you may sanction this Session ; and I fancy there should be no difficulty in getting such loan, as the question of constructing branch railways in places where they are likely to pay is one which the Colonial Legislature should look upon with favor, seeing they will bring a large amount of valuable traffic to the main lines. However, should it unfortunately turn out that the loan is not sanctioned, we do not even in that case anticipate any financial difficulty in providing the necessary funds to carry on the works till the Council meets again, when the whole question of raising funds can be fully discussed ; because, however much the works are pushed on, there is always necessarily a very considerable amount which cannot be spent, and also considerable balances of the appropriations which remain in the Treasury after the close of the financial year. Then even if such were not the case, the credit of the Province is amply sufficient to enable it to obtain any temporary assistance until the Committee of Supply of next Session of the Council can decide the question of ways and means. When the Council again meets, and in the event of the proposed loan not being sanctioned, it will be for honorable members to consider whether the additional railways are to be proceeded with, and if so, how the funds are to be raised. If it is possible to put off large sales of land until the branch railways are constructed, then there can be no doubt that the value of the land will be much enhanced, and a good deal more will be made out of them, either by sale or lease. If money can be borrowed on satisfactory terms for the construction of works until the pastoral leases fall in, then the necessity for selling at all will, I believe, to a great extent be diminished. I have no doubt that when these leases fall in, if the lands are re-let in suitable and moderate sized lots, and for shorter terms, they will not only bring in a very handsome annual revenue to the Province, but they will at the same time bring about the settlement of a large number of a very valuable class of colonists, who will settle on lands at present occupied by a much smaller number of individuals. I do not think I need detain the Council any longer. I trust that honorable members will receive the Statement favorably, and that they will not consider that the finances of the Province are in anything but a satisfactory condition. We have, of course, been obliged to make large proposals for expenditure during the coming year, but I think honorable members cannot complain of that. In fact, the great difficulty we have had to contend with is to endeavor to bring in our proposed expenditure something near our expected revenue. At the same time, I am not one of those who believe in being frightened to look a little ahead, as I think we are bound to do so under the present circumstances. Other Provinces are making rapid strides in every direction—going on with railways, harbor improvements, public works, immigration, and everything else calculated to promote the work of colonisation and their material prosperity. I think, under such circumstances, we cannot stand still. We must go carefully, prudently, but at the same time boldly, forward if we are to maintain the position in which the great resources of Otago have placed us among the other Provinces in the race of progress. I move the item, Interest and Sinking Fund on Loans, £29,216 19s.

APPENDIX N^o. II.

(SESSION XXXIII., 1874.)

PAPERS NOT LAID UPON THE TABLE.

[NOTE.—The Papers printed in this Appendix were not laid upon the Table during the Session, but, being Departmental Reports for the year ending 31st March, 1874, are published with the vol. of 1874 for convenience of reference.]

Report on the Wakatipu Gold Field, by Mr. Warden Beetham.

Warden's Office, Queenstown, April 13, 1874.

The Secretary for the Gold Fields, Dunedin.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to you my Annual Report upon the district in my charge.

The report, with returns attached, dates from the 1st April, 1873, to the 31st March, 1874.

I am unable to afford any further information as regards the Arrow division of the Gold Fields, as I have only recently taken charge of it, during the absence of Mr. Warden Stratford. In consequence of this, I am unable to compare the yield of gold for the year ending 31st March, 1874, with that of the previous year.

The yield for the current year has been 28,455 ozs. 13 dwts.

Quartz Reefs.—In the Queenstown division of the district there are at present discovered three (3) distinct lines of reef.

1st. The Phœnix is the reef originally known as the Scandinavian. This reef is situated in the neighborhood of Mount Auram, about ten (10) miles above the junction of Skipper's Creek with the Shotover River. The battery consists of thirty heads of stampers, driven by a turbine wheel of 25-horse power. This reef has been largely prospected, and a very extensive body of payable stone exposed. The operations are, I understand, remunerative.

At a little distance above this claim, and situated on the slope of Mount Auram, is the reef known as Southberg's. It is worked by a battery of sixteen stamps, driven also by a turbine wheel.

The quartz claim known as the Nugget is situated on the west bank of the Shotover River, a little above its junction with Skipper's Creek. It is worked by a battery of twelve stamps, driven by a turbine, the water supply for which is flumed across the Shotover River by means of iron pipes, suspended by standards from wire ropes.

The leases held by this Company are permeated by a complete network of payable reefs, several of which are fairly opened out, and are of great thickness.

The nature of the gold mining operations carried on in this field may be classed under three heads:—

- 1st. Quartz mining.
- 2nd. Tunnelling and sluicing.
- 3rd. River-bed working.

Tunnelling claims are almost invariably held under leases, and are situated on terraces bordering the present river beds—the auriferous deposits being, in fact, the old beds of the creek or river, which now runs hundreds of feet below it. These terraces are worked by means of tunnels, driven at a level which admits of their being used as drains, tail-races, as well as tramways. The famous claim known as Grace and Eager's (now the Shotover Terrace Company) is of this character. Claims of this kind are held and worked in all portions of this district.

River-bed Workings.—These claims, many of them of great size, are held in the beds of creeks and rivers, and are very generally taken up in what is known as old or worked ground. The size of the claims and the security of the tenure held under lease, enables their owners to carry on operations of a magnitude and completeness which would be quite impossible under any other conditions; while the improved method of working, results in the extraction of gold in payable quantities from ground which had been previously considered too poor to be remunerative. Some of these claims are worked by means of dredges; the method is not, however, frequently adopted, as the heavy floods to which the River Shotover is liable renders it extremely difficult to secure the punts.

In smaller rivers and creeks the bed is usually worked by means of a temporary channel being cut for it. The largest works of this nature in this district are those of the New Channel Company, on the Shotover River. Here the river has been turned into a channel cut in the rock at a very great outlay, laying bare a considerable length of its old bed for the operation of the Company.

On the whole, mining operations on this Gold Field during the past three years have assumed a permanency of character utterly wanting before the system of large holdings under a secure tenure prevailed.

Important and extensive works are now undertaken, having for their object the manipulation of ground which, a few years ago, was abandoned as worthless; and if labor was more easily obtainable at a reasonable rate, large areas of auriferous ground now lying idle would, without doubt, be profitably worked.

Agricultural.—The district has this year produced a very large quantity of grain, which has been roughly estimated by competent persons as sufficient to supply its requirements, both as to internal consumption and export, for the next two years; while, in the absence of a practicable outlet for grain or produce to the coast, prices are expected to be so low as to be unremunerative to the farmer.

The wheat and barley grown in the Wakatipu is I believe equal, if not superior, to that grown in any other portion of New Zealand, and it undoubtedly will, on the completion of the Winton and Kingston line, form a very noticeable feature in the exports from this district.

As it is, in the absence of an outlet to the seaboard, produce virtually in excess of the quantity required here will be next to unsaleable, and thousands of acres of valuable agricultural land will in consequence be left unimproved and unused.

The speedy completion of the Winton and Kingston Railway is of the very last importance to the progress of this district.

Attached, I beg to forward statistics.

RICHMOND BEETHAM,
Warden.

TABLE shewing approximately statistics of the Arrow District for the year ending 1st March, 1874 including Cardrona.

Total population.	No of Miners.		Quartz Reefs		Machinery. Description of Machinery.	Water Races.		Dams.		Mining Leases.		Agricultural Leases.			Revenue, and from what sources.
	Europeans.	Chinese.	No.	Names.		Mileage.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Operations.	No.	Area.	Area under crop.	
928	338	420	Nil.	Nil.	Pumps and Water Wheels.	120	£22,000	40	£900	5	Deep sinking and sluicing.	151	ac. 7500	ac. 3290	Miners' Rights, Business Licenses, Rents, and Registrations £2005 3 4 Fees — Res. Magistrate and Warden's Courts 187 9 6 Total ... £2142 12 10

From documents in Arrow Office.

R. BEETHAM, Warden.

TABLE shewing approximately statistics of the Queenstown District for the year ending 1st March, 1874.

Total population.	No. of Miners.		Quartz Reefs.		Machinery. Description of Machinery.	Water Races.		Dams.		Mining Leases.		Agricultural Leases.			Revenue, from what sources derived.
	Europeans.	Chinese.	No.	Names.		No.	Mileage.	No.	Value.	No.	Operations.	No.	Area.	Area under crop.	
2350	500	450	3	Phoenix or Scandinavian Reef. South-berg's Reef. Nugget Co.'s Reef. Three quartz batteries. Three dredges. Appliances for working sluicing and tunnelling and river bed claims, wheels.	555	752 ^{1/2}	64	2000	88	Quartz mining, Tunnelling. River bed working.	320	A. R. P. 18125 2 23 A. R. P. 12000 0 0		Miners' Rights, Business Licenses, Rents and Registrations £3925 1 10 Fees Res. Magistrate's and Warden's Courts 331 8 3 Total ... 4256 10 1	

R. BEETHAM, Warden and R.M.

Report on the Tuapeka Gold Field, by Mr. Warden Carew.

Warden's Office, Lawrence, 30th April, 1874.

SIR,—In forwarding the enclosed statement returns, made up to the 31st March last, I have the honor to report upon the progress, state, and prospects of the Tuapeka Gold Field, which has been under my charge since the commencement of the month of June last year.

The returns show a considerable decrease in the number of miners employed in the district as compared with previous years, and requires explanation. I find by the last annual statement of my predecessor that the number of miners in the district was 1740; of these, 1140 were Europeans and 600 Chinese. The present number, which has been carefully estimated, I make to be 537 Europeans and 513 Chinese; in all, 1050. There is thus a falling off to the number of 575; but, so far as I can learn, this reduction is in no respect owing to the failure of the auriferous resources of the district, but is to be attributed to the general prosperity of the Province, and the prosecution of various public works having created an active demand for labor at a price exceeding the ordinary earnings by gold mining. Other districts have, no doubt, been affected in a similar way by these causes; but Tuapeka being the nearest Gold Field to the line of the Dunedin and Clutha Railway, and the works of the Tokomairiro and Lawrence line being constructed through the district, has brought immediate, steady, and remunerative employment to the miners' door, and consequently has, no doubt, had a more direct and marked effect in drawing miners from their usual avocations here than would be the case in more distant Gold Fields. The rate of wages paid to Europeans at the works has been from 9s. to 10s. 6d. a day of eight hours; and for Chinese, from 6s. to 7s. per day. I may here remark that the European miner is said by the railway contractors to be unequalled, for quantity and quality of work, by the specially imported skilled navvy. The Chinese are also in favor for their steady perseverance, and as many as 300 have been employed at one time upon the Tokomairiro and Lawrence line.

A decrease in the quantity of gold forwarded by escort is a natural sequence to the decrease in the number of hands employed in obtaining it; and when this is taken into account, the yield of the last compares very favorably with that of former years, and in fact shows a considerable increase upon average earnings over the year 1872-3. The quantity escorted in the year last mentioned was 36,463 ozs., which, divided by 1740, the then estimated number of miners, would, at the average value of gold (75s. 6d. per oz.), leave a miner's earnings as £79 3s. for that year. The escort for the past year took down 28,383 ozs. 11 dwts, which, divided by 1050, gives £102 1s. as each miner's earnings.

This is not, however, in my opinion a reliable mode of calculating average earnings. Perhaps for the past year it is favorable for this district, as I believe the number of miners to have been smaller when the estimate of numbers was taken than at any other season of the year. For a district dependent entirely upon gold mining, it is possibly the only correct way at arriving at results; but Tuapeka is not only a gold field, but is also an agricultural district, containing several hundred farmsteads, and is surrounded by large agricultural and pastoral settlements, which give employment for a considerable quantity of labor. Numbers of men who are gold miners by choice, so soon as they meet with ill success in mining, or are interrupted in their employment by scarcity of water, or other causes incident to mining occupations, or are moved by the temptations of large wages, betake themselves to sheep shearing, harvesting, or other of the outlets at command for their labor, and return again to gold mining at their pleasure. Many of the miners here are also holders of small agricultural leaseholds and small mobs of cattle, and employ portion of their time in farming pursuits. It would be impossible, under present circumstances, to make proper allowance for this only partial employment at gold digging, and it is thus made to appear that a given quantity of gold occupies more labor to procure than what is really the fact.

A remarkable feature of progress in real settlement is to be gathered from the transactions respecting land during the period reported upon. The number of agricultural leases granted during that time is 97, covering an area of 8053a. 3r. 2lp., and 65 applications for 6911a. 2r 4p. are now pending, which await survey and other preliminary matters before they can be granted. The holders of 48 leases, over 1830a. 1r. 34p., which had run over three years, have purchased their holdings, and 13 other applications to purchase 405 acres are before the Waste Lands Board for approval. The provisions under section 62, "Waste Lands Act 1872," by which the holder of an agricultural lease, three years in possession, is admitted to the benefits of the system of purchase on deferred payments, is being largely availed of. The interpretation given to this section allows the holder of a lease under the Gold Fields Act, after three years, to obtain a Crown Grant in fee-simple on payment of 17s. 6d. per acre in fourteen payments, which may extend over seven years. Strange to say, to purchase a like holding without deferred payments would cost, under section 74 of the Act, 20s. an acre. In addition to the leases granted under the Gold Fields Act, 15 applications for 2318a. 1r. 26p. have been granted under section 50 "Waste Lands Act, 1872." The holders of these allotments, after residence thereon for thirty months out of the first three years,

and by effecting certain improvements on the land, will become entitled to leases under deferred payments. Another block of land, of 2500 acres, has lately been thrown open for application on this system; and there is also an area, of about 43,000 acres, for selection under the Agricultural Lease Regulations. A considerable portion of this land is rough hilly country, and the whole of it, until applied for, is open as commonage to the surrounding settlers and miners.

The number of cattle depastured on this land for the past year, or rather the number for which assessment was paid, is as follows:—Horned-cattle and horses, 2485; sheep, 15,000.

The total quantity of land which has been leased in holdings of from 5 to 200 acres up to the end of last month, is 33,176 acres, 3 roods, 31 perches, and about 20,000 acres granted in fee-simple, and on deferred payments.

As regards mining matters, for the reasons already named, the past year has not been a stirring one. The effect of miners being directed to other occupations has interfered with the opening of new enterprises, and very little has been done in the way of prospecting. The operations of the Clarke's Hill Prospecting Co., Limited, is however a very noticeable exception. This company was registered in March, 1873, and was formed for the purpose of prospecting the spur between Gabriel's Gully and Wetherstone's for quartz reefs. With this object the company has put in a tunnel 1100 feet into the spur, which cut through the Gabriel's Gully reef at a depth of 300 feet from the surface; but at this point the reef, although gold-bearing, is not considered payable. The tunnel has been extended about 100 feet beyond this reef, and is to be continued for two or three hundred feet further, in the expectation of meeting a main reef, of which, I am led to believe, there is reasonable hope. The shareholders in this company are generally holders of mining leases along the spur, and consequently are in a good position to avail themselves of any advantages their very commendable perseverance may afford them.

The workings of the Gabriel's Gully Quartz Mining Co., Registered, are also situated upon this spur. Since November, 1872, the company have crushed 4000 tons of quartz, the produce of their mine, and which has yielded gold to the value of £4025—a poor result certainly, and it speaks well for the management that this could be effected without loss. The manager is now having the low level prospected from the Clarke's Hill Prospecting Tunnel. The importance of any discovery of payable quartz at this depth (300 feet) could not be too highly estimated, as affecting not only the company, but the whole district.

The Table Hill Quartz Mining Company, Registered, and the Bruce Quartz Mining Company, Limited, at the Canada Reef, Table Hill, have not yet succeeded in making their respective ventures profitable. The Table Hill Company was for some time worked upon tribute, but operations at their claim have ceased for some months past, but will, I should imagine, be resumed again when labor is more easily obtainable. The Bruce Company have sunk to a new level, and are now driving, but I am not informed with what prospects before them. Their pumps and battery are worked by a turbine wheel.

On the line of reef, and adjoining the claims formerly held by the O.P.Q. Co., Registered, several shafts have been put down into the reef, and quartz of very promising appearance brought to light. In one shaft in particular the reef is well defined, from two to three feet in thickness, widening out as it deepens, and the stone shows a considerable quantity of gold, which ought to give a good return at the mill. The occupiers of this ground also hold the rights of the O.P.Q. Co. The water rights of the Golden Point Company, from the Waipori River, have also devolved to them, and, I understand, they intend constructing a race to work a battery of stamps upon the claim. A large quantity of gold was obtained by the O.P.Q. Co. when working in a costly manner, and at considerable disadvantage in many respects, but I have seldom seen a reef so favorably situated for economical working as the new discoveries just named. To the south of this ground Thompson and party have acquired a lease of ten acres, and they have also water-rights, which they are cutting on to their machine site. They have prospected their claim by opening out along the cap of the reef for a considerable distance, and the result of a small crushing has been two ounces per ton.

These are about all the efforts at present being made in the district to develop quartz reefs, and, although considerable when viewed in the light of individual undertakings, are exceedingly small in the whole when compared with the extent of the district, and the average amount of effort usually required to open out a single payable reef. I may safely say that in the Australian Colonies there are many reefs, each of which has absorbed more labor and money in prospecting, before producing a single ounce of gold, than has been expended upon all the reefs in this district. I have great hope that when labor becomes more abundant that much more attention will be given to this branch of mining, and that it will become, as it has elsewhere, the mainstay of the district.

In mineral mining the Blue Spur still maintains pre-eminence, and no rival to it has yet appeared. Difficulties, are, however, drawing upon the claimholders, who discharge tailings into Gabriel's Gully. This Gully is rapidly choking up, and so large is the quantity of tailings which has been poured into it from the Blue Spur, that where the first township stood, in the early days of the goldfield, it is estimated the surface is now covered to a height of sixty feet. Several of the claims cannot be worked much longer to advantage unless some provision be made for reducing and keeping down this accumulation in the gully. There are no engineering difficulties in the way of this being done, although the cost of the extensive works which are required would be considerable. A very general opinion prevails amongst men competent to judge, that not only can the gully be cleared, but that gold could be obtained in the operations, which would leave a handsome profit over the cost of the work. This is a matter which must at no distant day command attention. That great wealth lies hidden in the Spur, between the present working level, is undoubted, and that thousands of tons of tailings in the gully contain gold, is at any time capable of being

demonstrated, and it is also equally certain that without a properly formed channel this ground can never be worked, and that a more legitimate undertaking for support under the provisions of the Public Works Act, for works upon goldfields, could not be presented to the Government.

At Waipori a few alluvial claims are being worked with very good returns, but the number of miners engaged here is very small. The drainage channel, which is being constructed by the Government, absorbs nearly all the available labor, and the contractors for the work meet with no little difficulty in procuring men at the highest current rate of wages. It is anticipated that the completion of this channel will open out an extensive area of country known to be all more or less auriferous, but without more population, it may as well remain uncompleted.

There is nothing special to remark upon concerning the other sub-divisions, but I can state generally that throughout the whole district every man able to work can command good wages, and that employers of all descriptions of labor have difficulty in supplying their wants, and at the same time I may add that the necessaries of life, as one of the enclosed returns will show, are obtainable at very reasonable rates.

The Gold Fields revenue collected for the year was £5330 7s. 6d. Fees and fines of the Magistrate's Court £304 17s., and, in addition to these sums, a considerable amount as Provincial revenue.

The number of cases heard in the Warden's Court was 46, and 288 applications were disposed of. In the Resident Magistrate's Court 422 cases were decided within the same period. The total population of the district is now 4816.

I have, &c.,

E. H. CAREW, Warden.

Report on the Dunedin Lunatic Asylum for 1873-4.

Dunedin Lunatic Asylum, 30th May, 1874.

To the Provincial Treasurer.

SIR,—I have now the honor to submit to you the eleventh Annual Report of this Institution, together with the usual Statistical Tables.

It is gratifying to state that, although a great number has been added to the population of the Province during the past year, both by immigration and by arrivals from the sister Colonies, as yet there has not been any proportionate increase in the admission of patients to the Institution—77 having been admitted against 74 for the previous year. It is obvious, however, that the number of cases of insanity will augment with an increasing population.

The number of patients resident in the Asylum on the 1st April, 1873, was 123 men, and 51 women—total, 174; during the year ending 31st March, 1874, 56 men and 21 women were admitted; total under care and treatment, 251, with a daily average number resident of 176. Of the 251 patients under treatment, 58 were discharged recovered, 4 were relieved, and 11 died—leaving at the end of the year 178 resident in the Asylum.

The discharges recovered for the year may be considered very satisfactory, being 75.3 on the admissions, and 23.2 on the total number treated. Table 10 shews, of the total 740 patients admitted since the opening of the Asylum, the following results:—

Per centage of recoveries	62.6	} 100.
„ cases relieved	...	...	...	...	3.2
„ cases dead	...	...	...	...	10.1
„ cases remaining	...	...	...	...	24.1

On reference to Table I., the per centage of mortality will be observed to be 4.4 on the total number (251) under treatment during the year, being one-third less than the per centage of the previous year, which stood at 6.6. Again, referring to Table II., several old cases have died, amongst whom one female, aged 73 years, had been 10 years in the Institution; another female, aged 39 years, was also an inmate for upwards of 4 years. A Coroner's inquest, under the "Lunatics Act, 1868," was held in all cases of death.

Table IV. Occupations of those admitted during the year (77).—Of the 56 men admitted, 30 were miners and laborers, and of the 21 female admissions, 15 were domestic servants or housekeepers, shewing a total per centage of nearly 60 on the admissions; the remaining 32 (which includes a few dysmaniacs) are of various occupations; and it is a matter of very deep regret that, in upwards of 70 per cent. of admissions the cause of insanity is intemperance. It may, moreover, be calculated that at least 50 per cent of the entire population of the Asylum owe their disease, directly or indirectly, to intemperance. A large number of male and female patients, admitted annually from that cause, are permitted to damage the prosperity of the Province by periods of enforced idleness, varying from two to twelve months, to fill up space in the Asylum to which they are little entitled, and which could be more usefully employed, and also to use for their maintenance in the Asylum the monies to which they have not contributed.

Hence the much needed requirement of a "Home for Inebriates," apart from a Lunatic Asylum, which should be purely for the treatment of the insane. The dysmaniac is also not a fit inmate for the Lunatic Asylum. After recovering from the effects of alcohol, and finding himself confined by an order from a Judge of the Supreme Court, for a certain period, immediate fretting takes place, every one is blamed but himself—the attendants, officers, and friends, are worried to set him at liberty again; and having full possession of his senses, in many instances amuses himself at the expense of the really lunatic patients, to whose presence he will find means and ways.

In Table III, of the 77 patients admitted during the year, 50 range from 20 to 40 years of age, and 10 to 45—all of whom may be said to be in the prime of life—while in the same Table there are the extremes—one a boy aged 12 years, the other an old man of 68 years.

Tables V, VI, and VII, shew, of the 77 patients admitted during the year—social condition, 23 married, 46 unmarried; education, 54 can read and write, 14 can read only; nationality, England 22, Ireland 14, and Scotland 30. Table VIII shews that of the number admitted 22 were Episcopalians, 34 Presbyterians, and 15 Roman Catholics. Table IX shews the remaining patients in the Asylum belonging to each year since its opening. The extremes are—15 patients have been 11 years, and 35 under 1 year, inmates of the institution.

The general health of the patients has been good throughout the year, and no accident of a grave character has occurred in the Asylum.

The Inspector, in accordance with the "Lunatics Act, 1863," visited the institution from time to time, and saw the patients at their usual daily employments, examined the wards, provisions, books, &c., and expressed himself satisfied with all, excepting the bread supplied by the contractor, which was of an inferior quality, and unsatisfactory in its manufacture. The Government adopted measures for an improvement in the quality of the bread, which is now good. I would recommend the erection of a bake-house, where the bread could be made of a good and uniform quality, to supply the Asylum, Hospital, &c., &c. At the present time there are very few of the Home Asylums but have their bake-house and brewery. It is found to be more economical, insures a good article, and is more satisfactory in every way.

While the garden has supplied an abundance of vegetables, &c., for the Asylum use, and a liberal dietary given to the patients, the economy practised has produced satisfactory results. Table XI explains each item; the nett weekly cost per patient being 7s. 10½d., or yearly, £20 9s. 6d. The repayments for private patients during the year amounted to £765 18s. 1d.

As in previous years, the weekly entertainments to the patients have given pleasure to all, and with beneficial results, from time to time. Many cases well remembered, when first going into the amusement hall, were listless, melancholy, and indifferent to all around them. Gradually the power of music, the dance, the comicalities on the stage, would awaken them, and before the evening's performance was past, the drooping head would be raised, and the cheerful laugh showed that good had been done, and melancholy forgotten for the time. The Sheridan Dramatic Club attached to the institution has been indefatigable in playing for the patients' amusement during the past year, and Mr. Hudson has from time to time sent a liberal supply of buns, &c., &c., to the patients. Thanks are due to the Club, and to Mr. Hudson for their kindness. Variety, change, and amusement, have a powerful influence in the treatment of the insane.

With few exceptions the religious services have been held on Sunday during the year. Those patients present have conducted themselves with decorum, and their attention shewed the influence the services of religion had upon them for the time. During the week the Chaplain visits the Asylum, and holds converse with its inmates, and it is satisfactory that the ministers of the different denominations are well received by those patients they come to visit.

In reference to the new additions to the male division of the Asylum, it is gratifying to state that they are convenient and roomy, the new airing court enabling a further means of classification. The cubic space within the Asylum is now 208,108 feet, or 1200 cubic feet for each patient; yet the grounds attached to the institution are too small for the increasing number of male patients, and shew the desirability of a larger area for working patients.

The sewage from such an extent of buildings cannot all be utilised, and it is a matter of serious thought that means be adopted to carry it off by a tubular drain, so that it may not become a nuisance to the residents in the neighbourhood of the Asylum. This matter was referred to in last year's report.

In conclusion, I have to thank the Government for the active supply of necessaries for the comfort of the patients when required, and I would also thank the officers and attendants of the Asylum for their care and kind attention to the inmates for the past year.

I have, &c.,

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TABLE I.—*RETURN of Patients admitted, discharged, and died during the twelve months ending 31st March, 1874.*

						Males.	Fem.	Total.
Number of Patients remaining in the Asylum 1st April, 1873						123	51	174
Admitted from Dunedin and suburbs						18	8	26
"	Invercargill	...	...	...	...	6	1	7
"	Dunstan	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
"	Tuapeka	...	...	...	...	6	3	9
"	East, West, and North Taieri	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
"	Wakatipu	...	...	...	...	2	0	2
"	Tokomairiro	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
"	Hawksbury	...	...	...	...	5	1	6
"	Port Chalmers	...	...	...	...	3	0	3
"	Blacks	...	...	...	...	3	0	3
"	Oamaru	...	...	...	...	5	0	5
"	Clutha	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
"	Dunedin Hospital	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
"	" Gaol	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
Total number under treatment						179	72	251
Discharged—								
				Males.	Females.			
Cured	...	...	...	40	18			
Relieved	...	...	...	3	1			
Died	...	...	...	9	2			
						52	21	73
Remaining in the Asylum, 31st March, 1874						127	51	178
Per centage cured on admissions						75.3		
" " total number treated						23.2		
" of deaths						4.4		
Daily average number for the year						176.		

TABLE II.—*Showing the number of Deaths during the year, and their causes; also, age at time of death.*

Males.	Females	Ages.	Time of Residence in Asylum.	Cause of Death.
...	1	73	10 years	Senile decay
1	...	32	6 years and 1 month	Chronic inflammation of the brain
...	1	39	4 years and 4 months	Paralysis
1	...	50	3 years and 11 months	Chronic inflammation of the brain
1	...	18	2 years and 10 months	Epilepsy
1	...	49	1 year and 6 months	Softening of the brain
1	...	61	1 year and 3 months	Effusion in the brain
1	...	36	9 months	Chronic inflammation of the brain
1	...	54	3 months	Dropsy
1	...	38	2 months	Apoplexy
1	...	42	5 days	Paralysis
9	2			

TABLE III.—*Ages of Patients admitted during the year.*

			Males.	Females	Total.				Males.	Females	Total.
From 10 to 15 years	...		1	...	1	From 45 to 50 years	...		3	1	4
" 15 to 20	"	...	2	1	3	" 50 to 55	"	...	2	2	4
" 20 to 25	"	...	11	4	15	" 55 to 60	"	...	1	1	2
" 25 to 30	"	...	8	3	11	" 60 to 65	"	...	2	...	2
" 30 to 35	"	...	9	4	13	" 65 to 70	"	...	...	1	1
" 35 to 40	"	...	7	4	11						
" 40 to 45	"	...	10	...	10				56	21	77

TABLE IV.—*Occupation of those admitted during the year.*

	Males.	Females	Total.
Butchers	1	...	1
Brewers' Wives ... ..	...	1	1
Blacksmiths	1	...	1
Coal Miner	1	...	1
Clothier	1	...	1
Custom House Officer	1	...	1
Cabinetmaker	1	...	1
Contractors' Wives ... ..	...	2	2
Clerks	3	...	3
Draper	1	...	1
Domestic Servants ... ..	...	11	11
Fellmougers	1	...	1
Farmers	4	...	4
Housekeepers ... ..	...	4	4
Laborers	19	...	19
Miners	11	...	11
Poundkeeper	1	...	1
Storekeepers' Wives ... ..	...	1	1
Sailors	2	...	2
Shepherd	1	...	1
Stonemason	1	...	1
Saddler	1	...	1
Shoemaker	1	...	1
Tailor	1	...	1
Waiter	1	...	1
Warehouseman	1	...	1
Not known	1	2	3
	56	21	77

TABLE V.—*Social Condition of those Admitted during the Year.*

	Males.	Females	Total.
Married	11	12	23
Unmarried	42	4	46
Widowed	2	4	6
Unknown	1	1	2
	56	21	77

TABLE VI.—*Education of those Admitted during the Year.*

	Males.	Females	Total.
Can read and write	43	11	54
Can read only	7	7	14
Can neither read nor write	3	...	3
Unknown	3	3	6
	56	21	77

TABLE VII.—*Nationality of those Admitted during the Year.*

	Males.	Females	Total.
England	17	5	22
Scotland	22	8	30
Ireland	8	6	14
Victoria	1	0	1
Tasmania	0	2	2
New Zealand	2	0	2
United States	2	0	2
Germany	1	0	1
Italy	1	0	1
China	2	0	2
	56	21	77

TABLE VIII.—*Religious Denominations of those Admitted during the Year.*

	Males.	Females	Total.
Church of England	16	6	22
Presbyterian	23	11	34
Roman Catholic	12	3	15
Independent	1	0	1
Wesleyan	1	0	1
Hebrew	1	0	1
Pagan	2	0	2
Unknown	0	1	1
	56	21	77

TABLE IX.—*Length of Residence of Patients residing in the Asylum at end of Year.*

Institution opened August, 1863.	Males.	Females	Total.
Under 11 years	9	6	15
" 10 "	4	4	8
" 9 "	5	0	5
" 8 "	11	1	12
" 7 "	9	4	13
" 6 "	7	1	8
" 5 "	12	7	19
" 4 "	8	8	16
" 3 "	20	7	27
" 2 "	17	3	20
" 1 "	25	10	35
	127	51	178

TABLE XI.—*Daily average cost of each Patient during the Year.*

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	0	0	6
Rations	0	0	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Stores and Furniture	0	0	0 $\frac{5}{8}$
Fuel and Light	0	0	0 $\frac{7}{8}$
Medical Comforts, &c.	0	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Bedding and Clothing	0	0	1 $\frac{1}{8}$
Incidental Expenses, Stationery, &c.	0	0	0 $\frac{5}{8}$
Total	0	1	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Less Repayments	0	0	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Net daily cost of each patient	0	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
„ weekly	0	7	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cost of each patient for the year	20	9	6
Total number of days residence of patients in Asylum during year	64414		
Repayments from patients during the year	£765	18	1

